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NIMBYism surrounds casinos

Poll. 69 per cent of Ontarians oppose plans to increase gambling in the province by opening new facilities

The cash-strapped Liberal government's gamble on expanding casinos and slots is proving to be a losing bet with Ontarians, a new poll suggests.

More than two-thirds of people surveyed — 69 per cent — oppose the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp.'s proposal to increase gambling in the province by opening new facilities in cities like Toronto and Ottawa.

Only 24 per cent approved of the sweeping scheme unveiled Monday, according to data provided to the Toronto Star.

"People don't want a casino in their neighbourhood," Forum president Lorne Bozinoff said Wednesday.

"Gaming is the type of thing that people really don't want around in a lot of areas — be it the slots or the casinos."

Bozinoff said OLG's plan — which could add more than $1 billion annually to a province struggling with a $16-billion budget deficit this year — appears to be taking its toll on the minority Liberals.

"The goal now is to make gaming really accessible to everybody and I don't know that people are agreeing with that strategy," said Bozinoff.

Forum's interactive voice-response telephone poll of 1,065 people, conducted on Tuesday, is considered accurate to within three percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

It's the first major survey since Monday's announcement.

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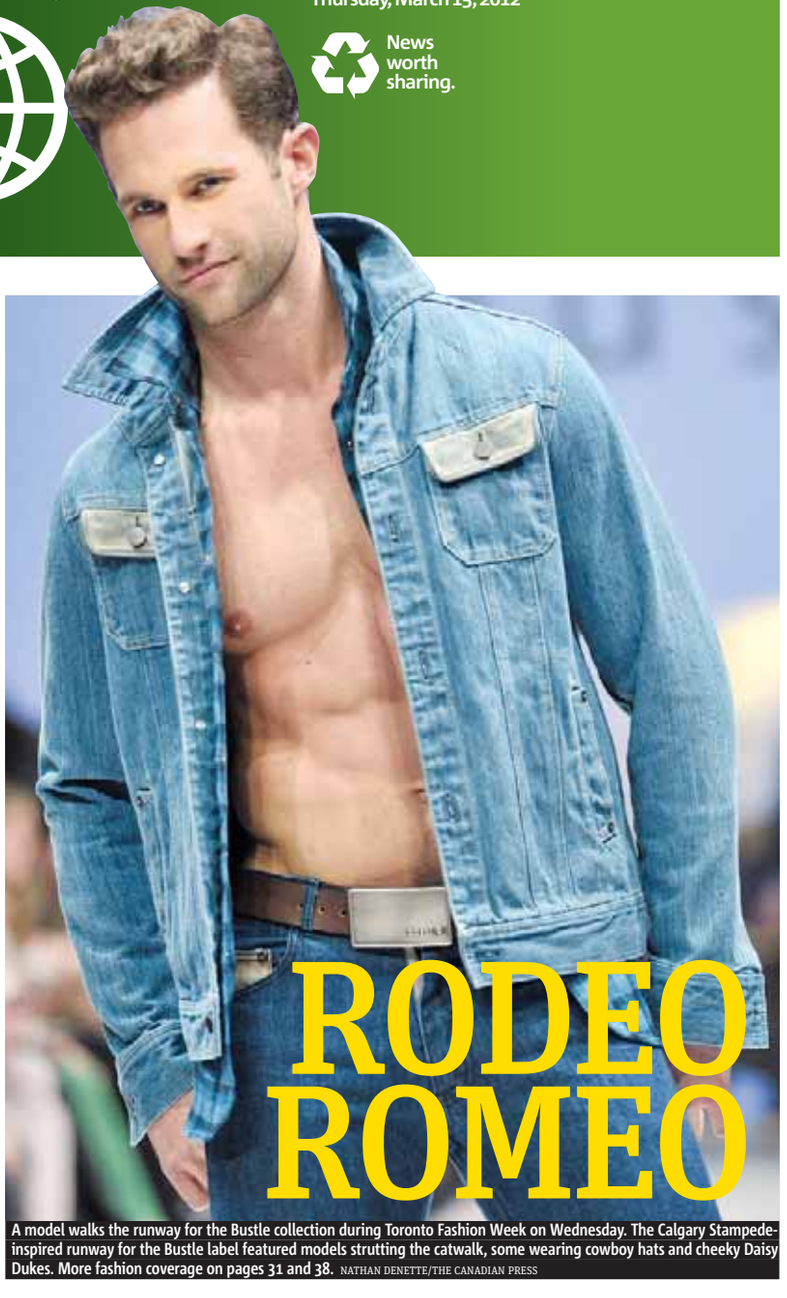

A model walks the runway for the Bustle collection during Toronto Fashion Week on Wednesday. The Calgary Stampede-inspired runway for the Bustle label featured models strutting the catwalk, some wearing cowboy hats and cheeky Daisy Dukes. More fashion coverage on pages 31 and 38. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Just call it the 'new' chicken

Biological engineers create tasty filets that look, feel and taste like the real bird — and the lab meat could hit grocery shelves soon PAGE 8

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Poll finds 40% of Alberta men believe women who dress provocatively risk being raped, while 8% say hitting a woman is OK PAGE 24

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Monkey testing here to stay

Despite a comment last month by the University of Toronto's associate vice-president of research, suggesting the institution would no longer allow its scientists to perform tests on non-human primates, monkey testing is set to continue.

In an about-face billed as a clarification, Peter Lewis stated last week that Canada's largest university will continue to accept research proposals requiring the use of monkeys.

"We are not stating that in the future we will never use non-human primates," Lewis wrote in a March 8 email to Nature magazine. "If a proposed research project at U of T required the use of non-human primates and was scientifically and ethically justified, then we would endeavour to support it."

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Etobicoke

Teacher run over after home egged

A late-night prank ended disastrously Wednesday when a Toronto teacher was struck by a minivan after vandals egged his Etobicoke home.

Investigators believe the man was struck in the street after he came out to inspect the vandalism just before 1 a.m. on Barford Road.

The victim, a 39-year-old Toronto teacher, has serious but non-life-threatening injuries to his back and legs, police said. The driver of the vehicle that struck him fled the scene.

Police have not confirmed the injured man's identity.

The home belongs to a Michael Robert Murray Stewart, who is registered with the Ontario College of Teachers as a geography and gym teacher.

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Transit

Portion of subway to for three days

In order to undertake construction at King Station, the TTC will close the Yonge line from Union Station to Bloor Station on three weekends, starting Friday, March 23 at midnight to Sunday, March 25.

Regular subway service will resume Monday, March 26 at 6 a.m. Two additional weekend closures will occur over the next several months. Once those dates are confirmed, the TTC will inform customers. METRO

Show brings wilderness to the city

Meghan Woodworth, a wildlife biologist and lead trainer, introduces the audience to Cosmo, a lemur, on Wednesday at Earth Rangers' Bring Back the Wild Show. Sponsored by Earth Rangers partner Ontario Power Generation, the show runs three times daily until March 18. It is free with admission to the ROM. AMY CROSS/EARTH RANGERS

Jobs at risk after union scuffle

Industry. Construction local has experienced political turmoil for more than a decade

From the top

"The relief being sought against you includes but is not limited to: Expulsion from membership and/or in the alternative, if necessary, such further and other relief as may be deemed appropriate."

Excerpt from Local 183 president Nelson Melo's letters to the accused

Thirteen workers could lose their construction jobs after a union charged them for allegedly disrupting a membership meeting where scuffles and chair throwing broke out.

The Labourers International Union of North America Local 183 has notified the members of misconduct allegations against them, a pending internal trial and possible expulsion, which would bar them from work in their industry.

The allegations follow a Feb. 5 meeting of more than 250 workers where questions about the resignation of a training centre administrator sparked heckling, physical scuffles, some chair throwing and the removal of two members. They sustained minor bumps and bruises.

In letters to each accused member, Local 183 president Nelson Melo alleged they had gathered with fellow workers "for the obvious purpose of disrupting the meeting and causing a disturbance," which violates the union's constitution relating to proper personal behaviour.

The workers, who are critics of the current Local 183 leadership, have hired a lawyer to fight the allegations and secure their jobs. Some accused members noted that supporters of the current leadership dodged any charges despite the scuffles.

"No one facing charges is a supporter of the current regime," said their lawyer, Dan Shields.

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Jim Balsillie
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Academia. Universities face censure over deals with Balsillie think-tank

Canada's professors' union will consider issuing a formal "censure" — or academic boycott — of York University, the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University over joint programs it feels are dangerously cozy with a think-tank run by BlackBerry co-founder Jim Balsillie.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers will vote in April on whether to give the three universities a six-month ultimatum to change agreements they have signed with Balsillie's Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) to remove any say the Waterloo-based think-tank may have over academic matters — or it will impose "censure" in November, which would discourage academics from working or meeting at those schools.

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Mobile news

Tube riders in London are getting wired in time for the Olympics with free Wi-Fi in the underground subway system during the games. Scan (if you're not underground) for the full story.

On the web

Funny talk after 9-11

Arab-Muslim standup comedy is flourishing more than a decade after 9-11, and the comedian who gained notoriety on the "Axis of Evil Comedy Tour" makes it clear he's trying to do more than just lampoon himself or his people for easy laughs. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Cabbies fret as high-end car ferry service comes to city

Uber. Smartphone app let's users order cars like Lincolns and Mercedes, then use GPS to track their ride

The recession, unseasonably warm weather and high gas prices are already grinding Toronto cabbies' gears. Now taxi drivers have another issue to contend with: a new smartphone app that has some drivers worried business may come to a grinding halt.

Uber, an app launching Thursday in Toronto, will allow smartphone users to order high-end luxury cars like Lincolns, Mercedes and Escalades with the click of a button or through SMS. Employing the GPS tracking system, users will be able to pinpoint exactly where the cab is coming from.

While the price point of Uber cars is about 1.5 times more expensive than the average cab (their base fare starts at $8 compared to the $4.50 Toronto cabs charge) customers like Belinda Jones — who frequently takes cabs — says price is secondary.

"The fact that they have a service that's quick and convenient, especially through your phone ... it's awesome," said Jones. "If they provide service that's more upscale and more convenient, then I would definitely take it no matter what the price."

Uber's payment option, which directly charges user's credit card at the end of each ride, also appeals to young professionals like Jeff Sutton.

"I'm mostly using plastic, so that would be good," said Sutton. "And if the company I work for had the account, as an employee if I could get cabs through the company and they could pay for it, that would be the biggest benefit."

Uber provides the technical support for the registered limo companies they partner with and do not own any of the Uber vehicles. But Abdullah Mamun, who has been driving a Toronto cab for the past three years, says he is still worried about the competition this could bring.

"Night shift is based mostly on nightlife," he said. "Sixty per cent for your whole night-shift business comes from clubs and restaurants."

Mohammad Esghar who has been in the business for six years, says the cab industry has suffered in the last two years.

From making a $1,000 profit a week to between $500 and $700 he makes now working 12-hour shifts, Esghar says it's tough to cover his costs.

"Lease and gas is going up and passengers are not more than taxis," he said.

Uber's Toronto lead, Andre Charoo, says the impact on the local cab industry depends on the city, and remains to be seen in Toronto.

He says they have seen a switch of Uber-users going from once a week to near daily usage in San Francisco.

"It happens when the city doesn't have enough alternatives," he said. "Every city is different, we will learn ultimately what it will be like here."

Uber's CEO Travis Kalanick says they target, "a mix of young professionals who likes to go out at night, ranging to seasoned professionals who just need an efficient convenient way to get around town."

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Uber launch

- This service started in San Francisco in 2010 and is now available in Chicago, Seattle, New York City and Washington, D.C.
- Uber will be launching with 70 cars in Toronto this week and is expecting to expand aggressively to hundreds of cars in the coming months.
- Uber charges $2.50 per km if speed is over 18 km/h and $0.80 if speed is at or below 18 km/h.
- Cabs charge around $0.25 for each additional 0.17 km or $0.40 to $0.50 a minute.

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick says the company's service will provide Torontonians with an alternative, stylish option to get around the city. Uber's impact on the local cab industry remains to be seen. HANDOUT

Torontonians love their librarians: CUPE poll

With the negotiating deadline between the city and its library union just days away, a new CUPE-sponsored poll shows residents overwhelmingly love their librarians.

When asked "Whose side are you on?" in the ongoing negotiations between the city and its library workers, 61 per cent of those polled said they were behind the union, four per cent were neutral, and nine per cent didn't know.

Just over a quarter of respondents indicated they were more sympathetic to the city.

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong said the poll missed the point.

"I like librarians too. And I like the garbage workers. And I like 416 (outdoor) workers. City workers do a good job. That's not the issue. No one is claiming we don't like them. The issue is getting an agreement that's fair, balanced and affordable," said Minnan-Wong, a member of the employee labour relations committee.

When people were questioned about proposed cuts to the library system, more than 75 per cent of respondents said a 10 per cent budget reduction would have either a "very negative" or "somewhat negative" impact.

While CUPE officials say negotiations are going well, the timing of this poll release is clearly meant to apply pressure on city negotiators, emboldened by its recent victory with the outdoor workers union.

But union officials say the two are different animals and that — as this recent poll shows — the public is willing to get behind library staffers if they're pushed to strike.

Last month, CUPE 416 agreed to a contract that included significant concessions around job security and management flexibility. Those involved say the union had little choice, given persisting animosity over the 20009 garbage strike.

But when it comes to the two locals still at the bargaining table — the 2300 Toronto Public Library workers and 23,000 indoor workers — research shows a different story.

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Margin of error

- The non-automated telephone poll of 600 residents was conducted by Environics between March 9-12.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 4 per cent.

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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‘The middle of nowhere.’ C’mon, Jann, we’ve got a lot going on: Oshawans

Jann Arden HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

While Canadians debate the merits of small dogs on VIA trains, Oshawans just want it acknowledged that they don’t live in the “middle of nowhere.”

It all started with comments made by singer Jann Arden on Sunday after she and her mini-pup Midi got kicked off of a VIA train en route to Ottawa from Toronto. VIA has a no-dogs rule and Arden had taken Midi on board in a carrier.

Arden, who got off the train in Oshawa, tweeted she was left in the “middle of nowhere.”

Oshawa resident Richard Smith, whose eight-year-old daughter Arden is named after the singer, read about Arden’s ordeal and said he was surprised to see the singer considered his city nowhere.

“As soon as you finish reading it’s Oshawa, (you think) really? We’ve had Elton John play here, we’ve had Kiss play here,” he said. “It just really rubbed us the wrong way.”

Smith said he and his wife have seen Arden play twice and they had considered going to her show last weekend, but the tickets weren’t available.

He made a sign for his daughter to hold up welcoming Arden to nowhere.

“I mean Oshawa is a growing community and it has 150,000-plus people and we’re hardly the middle nowhere,” he said.

Mayor John Henry also didn’t appreciate the comment and wrote a letter to Arden highlighting Oshawa’s positives.

“Oshawa is very much a city that has gone through a renaissance, you can see that in our downtown, you can see the excitement throughout the city, there are a lot of positive things happening here.

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Ontario. Still growing despite prosperous West

Despite Ontario’s apparent decline in light of the rising West, analysts are quick to point out that Canada’s most populous province is, in fact, still growing.

“It’s flirting with the national average,” said Mario Lefebvre, director of the Centre for Municipal Studies at the Conference Board of Canada.

With nearly 12.9 million residents, Ontario accounts for 38.4 per cent of Canada’s residents. While February’s census figures indicated more people were migrating West, analysts say it’s unlikely population levels in the western provinces will surpass Ontario in the next decade.

Once the U.S. economy strengthens further and housing prices in the West rise as those in Atlantic Canada drop, the population will eventually spread out more evenly across the country over the long term, Lefebvre said.

“These things come and go,” he added, noting British Columbia was once a big benefactor of inter-provincial migration in the 90s, followed by Alberta.

These days, it’s Saskatchewan that’s attracting the bulk of the migration. For now.

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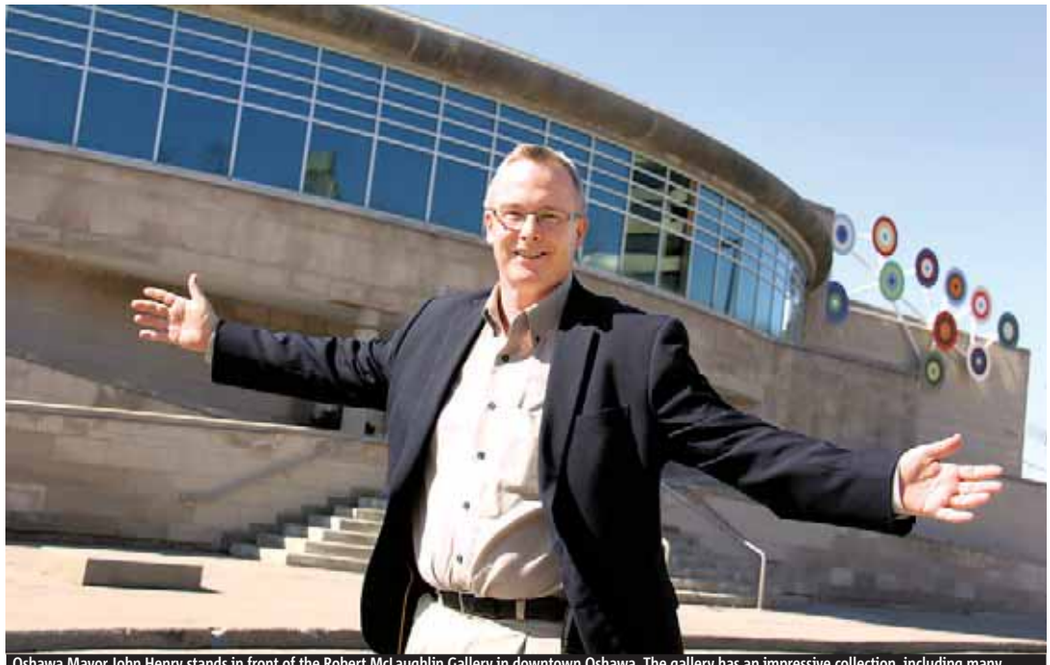
On the flip side

“As things turn around, these trends will change.”

Mario Lefebvre, director of the Centre for Municipal Studies at the Conference Board of Canada



Oshawa Mayor John Henry stands in front of the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in downtown Oshawa. The gallery has an impressive collection, including many Group of Seven works. It’s one of 10 reasons to visit the city Jann Arden dissed as “the middle of nowhere.” KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Oshawa offers population advice

Somewhere. City’s population growth exceeds the national average, according to latest census figures

Downtown versus suburbs

“It’s not like people are going to be fleeing the suburbs, but if the government doesn’t get the public transit system under control, you’re going to see tremendous intensification in the inner city.”

John Andrews, director of the Queen’s University real-estate roundtable
Warning that Oshawa’s growth may slow in the future.

New restaurants popping up, an art gallery opening, university campuses expanding — the changes have appeared over time, but to Shanti Fernando they’re all signs of an actively growing city doing everything it can to attract new residents.

Fernando lives in Oshawa, a community perched on the eastern edge of the Greater Toronto Area, which has typically been identified as a blue-collar automotive manufacturing hub in years past.

But that image is changing.

Oshawa is a bright spot in a province being somewhat eclipsed by the success of the West.

“The character has changed from being a one-focus city to having a number of different things that they are getting known for,” said Fernando, who teaches community development at the city’s University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

“It is really diversifying.”

With a population growth rate of 7.7 per cent, Oshawa ranks above the national average of 5.9 per cent. Ontario’s growth rate, on the other hand, was just 5.8 per cent for the latest census period, down from the 6.6 per cent reported in 2007.

To Fernando, there are three main reasons for Oshawa’s good news on the population front.

“It’s the bedroom community (for Toronto), it’s economic growth in a number of areas with business and education, and then immigration,” she said.

As other manufacturing cities in Ontario struggle with plant closures and residents migrating to the resource-rich western provinces, Oshawa has been working hard to break its dependence on General Motors for jobs, particularly after the auto sector’s meltdown in 2008.

“Oshawa doesn’t just mean GM to people,” Fernando said. “It can mean something else.”

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Oshawa is to Toronto what Windsor is to Detroit. NATHAN DENETTE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Windsor population on the decline

The Ontario border city of Windsor, which sits across the river from Detroit, was once very similar to Oshawa — a gritty, blue-collar city with an economy utterly dependent on a bustling auto manufacturing industry.

The most recent census data shows Windsor is one of just two metropolitan areas in the country to experience a drop in population. The other was the Ontario forestry hub of Thunder Bay.

Alan Phipps, a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, has seen that decline first-hand. Just as Oshawa has benefited from growth in Toronto, Windsor has been shrinking in the shadow of Detroit.

“Windsor is in the international commute zone of an incredibly declining city,” Phipps said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Edible lab-grown meat: Just add stem cellls

Foodstuff. Researchers have succeeded in growing meat in the laboratory that tastes and looks like the real thing

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

"Let there be animals," said God, and he created chickens, cattle and fish.

Actually, it's not God. It's Fu-hung Hsieh, professor of biological engineering at the University of Missouri.

Hsieh makes chicken.

That's right: he creates chicken out of nothing. Tasty filets that look, feel and taste like the real bird.

"Laboratory-grown meat needs to mimic the appearance and bite of natural meat," explains Hsieh.

"In the past, researchers haven't been able to recreate the appearance, so consumers wouldn't eat the artificial meat."

But even foodies would have a hard time telling God's chicken and Hsieh's new chicken apart. It's now being produced for use in restaurants.

Hsieh stands at the forefront of a global food revolution. Biological engineers in several countries have recently succeeded in creating edible meat that looks appealing. Earlier this year a Dutch researcher managed to create the world's first edible lab-grown hamburger.

"We've made big steps in creating laboratory-grown meat, but the result isn't something I'd eat at this moment," says Dr. Daisy van der Schaft, a biomedical engineer at Eindhoven University in the Netherlands.

Professor Hsieh and his team are now about to create turkey, beef and fish. "That's very different from chicken," he says. "With fish, especially, you have the additional challenge of replicating many different colours."

If research continues to progress, supermarkets could sell lab meat within the next several years.

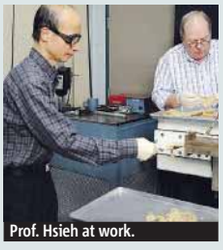
"We're working with industrial designers to figure out what the meat should look like," reports van der Schaft.

"Who will buy it depends on how we market it. Should laboratory-grown meat be a mass market product or a luxury for wealthy people?"

Mmmmm.... a juicy chicken filet — made in Professor Fu-hung Hsieh's laboratory. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

How it works

- To create an artificial hamburger, or steak, or chicken breast, scientists take stem cells from animals and grow them into a 3-D shape.
- Then they grow the cells into muscle cells. As with natural muscle cells, the cultivated muscle cells "bulk up" into solid muscle bundles.
- As soon as the muscle cells grow in size, it's important that the tissue is continuously supplied with nutrients.
- The scientists then create chain ducts, similar to blood veins. "The easiest meat to create is sausage," explains van der Schaft. "It doesn't have to look attractive like a steak."



Prof. Hsieh at work.

Making meat. For vegetarians

According to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), lab meat presents a palatable choice.

"It will give meat eaters a clean, cruelty-free and eco-safe way of eating in the future," PETA's policy advisor Alistair Currie tells Metro.

"It will provide the 'methadone' for their 'heroin.' It will also save billions of animals from all the cruelty of factory farms. And unlike meat from those filthy places, it won't pollute rivers and streams and cause deforestation."

Making chicken.

Would you eat lab-grown meat?

"No. There's no relation to the animal. We're so disconnected already, I think cheap meat tends to be stuffed with steroids."

Nick Casey meat-eater, 28, courier

"I eat meat but I would become a vegetarian if we started using meat from labs. It's unnatural."

Margaret Bak
meat-eater, health food worker

"No. It would still be grown from an animal and it's the principle. Still, there are many products with animal traces we never hear about."

Haseeb Kayani vegetarian, 29, student

"It could be a good idea but it would need to be proven that there were no bad effects. It would be strange."

Somer Scott
vegetarian, 17, student

Interview

Saves the Earth

Researcher Hanna Tuomisto

Dr. Hanna Tuomisto, researcher in environmental sciences at Oxford University

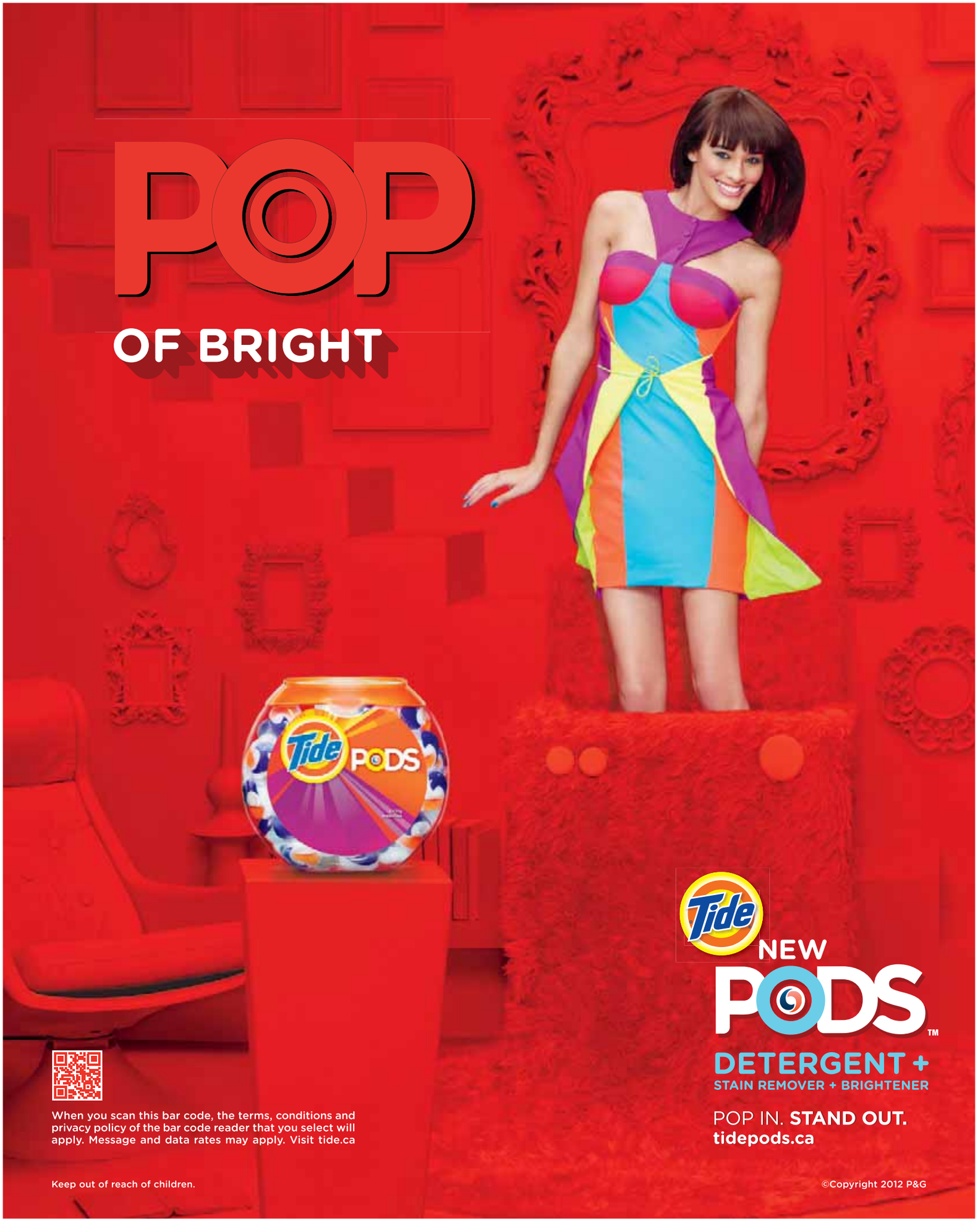
Is artificial meat better for the environment?

Since there isn't large-scale production of cultured meat yet, we only have estimates. But according to our estimates, greenhouse-gas emissions from cultured meat are only a small percentage of the greenhouse-gas emissions that conventional meat produces. In addition, the land used for making cultured meat is obviously much smaller. That's a huge benefit.

So if we switch to artificial meat we could solve climate change?

Most people don't want to become vegetarians to help the earth. Cultured meat is a way of helping the environment without changing your lifestyle. Conventional meat contributes 18 per cent of the world's greenhouse-gas emissions, probably even more. That's more than the transport sector. If we stopped eating meat, we'd essentially solve the climate-change problem, also because the land could be used for forests, which absorb carbon emissions.

ELISABETH BRAW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Switzerland tour bus crash kills dozens

Death. Some 200 rescuers called to scene of accident after bus slams into concrete wall

A woman and child light a candle during a mass held to commemorate the victims of a deadly bus crash in Switzerland, at the Saint-Peters church in Leuven, Belgium, Wednesday. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A tourist bus slammed head-on into a concrete wall in a Swiss Alps tunnel, killing 28 people, mostly children returning from a ski vacation. Swiss police said Wednesday the vehicle was not speeding and everyone was wearing seat belts.

The bus was carrying students about age 12 from two different Belgian schools when it crashed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday night on a highway near the southern town of Sierre, Switzerland.

The horrific accident in the short Tunnel de Geronde left the front of the bus mangled, trapping people inside. Twenty-two school children and six adults including the driver were killed and another 24 children were hospitalized in what the police chief described as a "scene like a war."

Belgium flew anxious parents and relatives to the site and called for a day of mourning.

Authorities were still trying to work out how a modern bus, a rested driver and a safe tunnel could add up to such a tragedy.

A Swiss prosecutor said video cameras in the tunnel captured the accident. Olivier Elsig, prosecutor for the canton of Valais, told reporters the children on the bus were wearing seat belts, no other vehicle was involved and it was not speeding.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday in Sion, the capital of Valais, he said investigators were looking at three possible causes for the crash — a technical problem with the bus, a health problem with the driver, or human error.

He said the seatbelts wouldn't have helped much due to the severity of the crash and an autopsy will be performed on the driver. "We will examine everything to find out what happened," Elsig promised.

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Earthquake. Japan hit by tremors days after tsunami anniversary

Residents flee to safety after a tsunami warning was issued following an earthquake in Ofunatp, Iwate prefecture, Japan. IWATE NIPPO VIA KYODO NEWS /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A series of earthquakes rattled Tokyo and northeastern Japan on Wednesday evening but caused no apparent damage or injury in the same region hit by last year's devastating tsunami.

The strongest was a magnitude-6.8 that struck off Hokkaido island and generated a small tsunami. Some communities along the northern Pacific coast advised residents to evacuate coastal homes.

A swelling of 20 centimetres was observed in water at the port of Hachinohe in Aomori about an hour after the tremor, with smaller changes seen elsewhere. The Meteorological Agency lifted all tsunami advisories within about 90 minutes.

About 9 p.m. local time, a magnitude-6.1 quake shook buildings in the capital. It was centred just off the coast of Chiba, east of Tokyo, at a rather shallow 15 kilometres deep.

Narita International Airport briefly closed runways for inspection but later resumed operation. Several local train services were suspended for safety checks.

There were no abnormalities reported at nuclear power plants after the two earthquakes, operators said. Nearly all of Japan's nuclear plants are offline for safety inspections.

This past Sunday, Japan marked the first anniversary of the massive magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami that left some 19,000 people dead or missing, wreaked widespread damage along the northeastern coast and triggered the worst nuclear accident since Chornobyl.

Rebuilding has yet to fully begin in many coastal communities.

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Activists outraged over suicide of girl forced to marry her rapist

The case of a 16-year-old girl who killed herself after she was forced to marry her rapist has spurred outrage among Morocco's Internet activists and ignited calls for changes to the country's laws.

An online petition, a Facebook page and countless tweets expressed horror over the suicide of Amina Filali, who swallowed rat poison on Saturday to protest her marriage to the man who raped her a year earlier.

Article 475 of the Moroccan penal code allows for the "kidnapper" of a minor to marry his victim to escape prosecution, and it has been used to justify a traditional practice of making a rapist marry his victim to preserve the honour of the woman's family.

Abdelaziz Nouaydi, who runs the Adala Association for legal reform, said a judge can recommend marriage only in the case of agreement by the victim and both families.

"It is not something that happens a great deal — it is very rare," he said, but admitted that the family of the victim sometimes agrees out of fear that she won't be able to find a husband if it is known she was raped.

The marriage is then pushed on the victim by the families to avoid scandal, said Fouzia Assouli, president of Democratic League for Women's Rights.

In many societies, the loss of a woman's virginity outside of wedlock is a huge stain of honour on the family.

In many parts of the Middle East, there is a tradition whereby a rapist can escape prosecution if he marries his victim, thereby restoring her honour. There is a similar injunction in the Old Testament's Book of Deuteronomy

Morocco updated its family code in 2004 in a landmark improvement of the situation of women, but activists say there's still need for improvement.

In cases of rape, the burden of proof is often on the victim and if she can't prove she was attacked, a woman risks being prosecuted for debauchery.

"In Morocco, the law protects public morality but not the individual," said Assouli, adding that legislation outlawing all forms of violence against women, including rape within marriage, has been stuck in the government since 2006.

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Response

"Amina, 16, was triply violated, by her rapist, by tradition and by Article 475 of the Moroccan law."

Activist Abadila Maaelaynine, in a tweet

Deep sea recovery mission

Rescue workers and divers in Bangladesh on Wednesday pulled scores of bodies from the wreckage of a ferry that sank after being hit by an oil barge, as the death toll rose to 112. The packed Shariatpur 1 vessel, carrying about 200 passengers, capsized in the early hours of Tuesday morning after a collision with the barge in the Meghna river, 40 kilometres southeast of the capital Dhaka. STRDEL/GETTY IMAGES

Walking on water

Jesus ad stokes controversy

Energy-drink maker Red Bull said Wednesday it has dropped an advertisement in South Africa after an outcry from both Christians and Muslims for its portrayal of Jesus Christ.

The television cartoon implies Jesus walked on water because he had been invigorated by a miraculous energy drink and knew where there were hidden rocks to tread on.

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Punks vs. Putin

Punk singers to remain in jail

A Russian court ordered two female punk rockers to remain in jail Wednesday for praying to the Virgin Mary to deliver the nation from Vladimir Putin at a surprise show.

Members of the band Pussy Riot briefly seized the pulpit of Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral in late February to chant "Mother Mary, drive Putin away."

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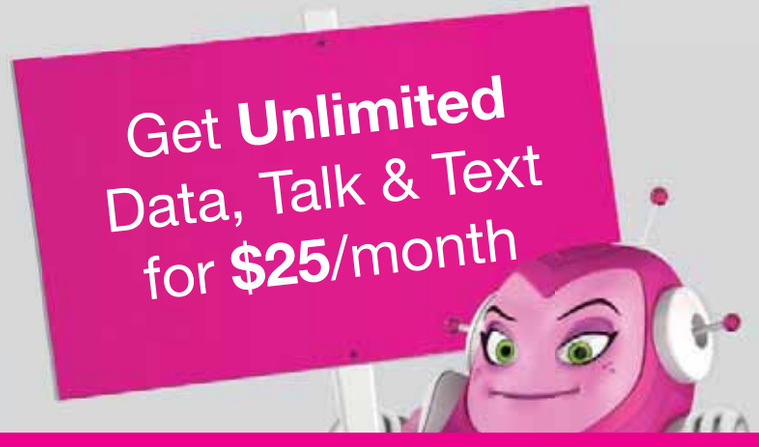

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Rafferty killed Tori Stafford, McClintic wrote in letter

Trial. Recollection differs from testimony she gave on Tuesday

A young woman convicted of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford says she originally told police her boyfriend, Michael Rafferty, killed the girl.

Terri-Lynne McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in the death and is now testifying at Rafferty's trial.

He has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Court has heard that Tori was killed on April 8, 2009, and that McClintic was arrested on another matter on April 12.

She says Rafferty came to visit her in the detention centre, worried that she would say something to police that would implicate him, but she told him she would take the fall for everything.

McClintic also says she wrote her recollection of the events of April 8 in a letter to her lawyer while in detention, including that Rafferty was the one who killed Tori with blows to the head from a hammer— but she testified in court this week that she did it.

McClintic said Wednesday that she couldn't really believe what happened and that she couldn't believe she was capable of murder.

"It was against everything that I believe in, everything that I stand for," she said about the events of April 8.

The letter to her lawyer represented "what I wanted to be true, the truth that I wanted to believe," she added. "That's what I told myself was true. So that was the recollection of everything that had happened and everything was true up to the point of the murder."

McClintic testified Tuesday that she abducted Tori outside her Woodstock school at the urging of Rafferty, who wanted a "young female." They drove more than 100 kilometres north to a rural area where he sexually assaulted the Grade 3 student, then McClintic used a hammer to kill Tori with blows to the head, she said.

Rafferty frequently smirked and muttered to himself throughout McClintic's testimony.

McClintic's name came up in tips almost immediately after Tori was reported missing, court has heard, and after police found out she had an outstanding warrant she was arrested May 12 for a parole violation. Rafferty visited her at the youth detention centre and she assured him she wouldn't implicate him if police asked her about Tori, she said.

"He had a life, a job, things going for him and I was just, I really had nothing," McClintic said. "I said don't worry about it, it's OK. It's OK. I'm just an 18-year-old junkie anyways."

On Tuesday, McClintic's first day of testimony included a disturbing telling of Tori's last hours.

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Quotable

"I said that I would take the fall for everything, that I would say it was all me."

Terri-Lynne McClintic

Convicted killer Terri-Lynne McClintic in a photo posted on Facebook. She testified Wednesday for a second day at the trial of her former boyfriend, Michael Rafferty. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Michael Rafferty is transported from the courthouse in the back of a police cruiser in London, Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hours after murder described

Terri-Lynne McClintic testified Wednesday that she will never forget what her accused former boyfriend Michael Rafferty said to her the last time she saw him at the detention centre before she confessed to police and they were both charged in Tori's death.

"I remember touching his face and ... he looked up and almost, like, laughed at me and said, 'You'll do anything for a little bit of love, eh?'"

Earlier Wednesday, McClintic testified that Rafferty didn't say much right after Tori's death, "just that we should never speak of this again."

Court heard the pair changed shoes, drove to a car wash in Cambridge, and dumped garbage bags that had the hammer McClintic says she used to kill the eight-year-old girl. Rafferty had a gym bag in his car with spare clothes, court heard.

"He switched shirts because his shirt had blood on it," McClintic said, noting he kept the same pants as before.

McClintic changed into clothes Rafferty gave her, she said, and the old clothes were thrown out the window once they were back on Highway 401. She also cut parts out of the back seat and threw those out the window as well, court heard.

"There were two spots on the back seat that he couldn't get clean and had to be cut out," she said.

When she arrived home her mother asked her where she had been, so McClintic told her she had been chased by police into London, she said. McClintic then took some OxyContin with her mom, court heard.

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Animal cruelty. Frozen cat found in B.C. a 'very sick' crime, SPCA says

British Columbia SPCA animal-cruelty investigators are looking into a disturbing case of a frozen cat that was found in Dawson Creek, northern B.C. on Tuesday.

"It's a very sick action. I have deep concerns about the stability of anyone who would do this," said Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA animal-cruelty investigator.

The cat was found frozen in a block of ice and deliberately placed atop a BC Hydro box in the Mile Zero Trailer Park at noon.

"The ice block, which has the markings of rubber bin, was left just a stone-throw away from where we found the corpse of a frozen dog, in a very similar position and in a Tupperware-like container in January last year," said Moriarty.

"The first time we weren't able to get any significant leads. No one was able to identify the dog and there was no ID. We're hoping someone will step forward this time."

Before a necropsy can be conducted the cat must be thawed. However, investigators believe there is blood frozen in the ice block.

Other than the case of the frozen dog, "in my seven years, I haven't come across a case like this," said Moriarty. "The way that it was dropped off, this wasn't an accident, it was a deliberate act."

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Shooting spree. U.S. soldier flown out of Afghanistan

The American soldier accused of shooting 16 Afghan villagers in a pre-dawn killing spree was flown out of Afghanistan on Wednesday evening, the U.S. military said.

The soldier was taken out of Afghanistan "based on a legal recommendation," said Navy Capt. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman.

"We do not have appropriate detention facilities in Afghanistan," he said, explaining that he was referring to a facility for a U.S. service member "in this kind of case."

The soldier was taken aboard a U.S. military aircraft to a "pretrial confinement facility" in another country, a U.S. military official said, without saying where. The official, who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to release the information publicly, would not confirm if that meant an American military base or another type of facility.

Kirby said the move did not necessarily mean the trial would be held outside Afghanistan, but the other military official said legal proceedings would continue elsewhere. The soldier has not yet been charged.

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560 gambling-site jobs lost in bordertowns

Losing hand. Decision to close the three slots so abruptly criticized by New Democratic MPP Taras Natyshak

The province's gaming agency is closing slot-machine facilities at Fort Erie, Windsor and Sarnia racetracks, putting 560 people out of work.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. announced the move Wednesday, calling it necessary in a restructuring bid to make the agency more profitable. As previously reported, the OLG is ending the Slots at Racetrack program, which the agency says will save $345 million.

The closings are not unexpected as gaming facilities in the border towns have seen steady declines in profits.

This was a necessary decision, OLG president Rod Phillips said from Windsor Raceways, where he spoke to 210 employees who just lost their jobs.

"Fewer Americans are crossing the border to play slot machines at border sites," Phillips said.

Ten years ago, border casinos returned a net profit of $800 million dollars, and today that profit is less than $100 million a year, he added.

Positions also disappeared at OLG Slots at Fort Erie and at OLG Slots at Hiawatha.

"We regret the impact today's decision will have on employees who are affected by these impending closures."

OLG president Rod Phillips speaks to the media in this file shot from 2011. On Wednesday, he was at Windsor Raceways, where he spoke to 210 employees who just lost their jobs. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The next step is to develop detailed business cases. The OLG wants to have a total of 29 gaming facilities in five years.

A brand new casino is slated for the Greater Toronto Area and it is no secret Toronto Mayor Rob Ford would like a facility in order to boost the city's revenues.

A temporary casino could be built in the GTA until a permanent, new gaming facility is constructed.

A lotto gamblers

"There are 2.7 million people in Ontario who went to gaming facilities last year and the GTA is under-serviced."

OLG president Rod Phillips

New Democratic MPP Taras Natyshak (Essex) worried the closings will cause a devastating economic fallout in the Sarnia, Windsor and Fort Erie area.

"Not only has this minority Liberal government folded on the dedicated workers who run these facilities, but they've also dealt another losing hand to supporting industries in these already hard-hit communities," Natyshak said. "This is a short-sighted move."

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Lawsuit. Three Canadian women accuse U.S. border guards of molestation

Three Canadian women have launched legal action alleging they were molested by female U.S. border guards while attempting to cross the border near Windsor, Ont.

In court documents filed in the U.S., Leslie Ingratta of Windsor alleges two customs and border protection officers took her to a holding cell for questioning when she attempted to cross the Detroit-Windsor tunnel on Jan. 30, 2011 for a shopping trip to the states.

The lawsuit alleges officials questioned Ingratta repeatedly and accused her of lying about her reasons to travel before ordering her to face a wall. With her arms and legs spread, the officials conducted a search that included putting their hands under her bra and fondling her breasts, as well as grabbing her buttocks and rubbing her genitals, the suit alleges.

She was then taken back to the waiting room, crying and shaking, and told she was "clear to enter the United States."

In a second, joint lawsuit two women from Windsor and Milton, Ont. — both frequent travellers and holders of Nexus cards and Visas — claim they were strip-searched in an inappropriate manner while travelling together across the Ambassador Bridge on March 5, 2010 to attend a music concert.

They allege the guards put their fingers into their anuses and vaginas, and fondled each of their bare breasts "in a prolonged, deliberate manner."

One of the women was eight months pregnant at the time.

All the searches, the documents allege, were conducted without any reasonable suspicion that type of search was warranted. None of the allegations have been tested in court.

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Next steps

- **Court.** The cases will be heard in a federal court in Michigan, even though the complainants are Canadian.
- **Compensation.** The women are seeking punitive damages and compensatory damages for the mental anguish and emotional distress, as well as reimbursement of legal fees.

Renowned Rabbi remembered in Tel Aviv

Ultra Orthodox Jews attend the funeral of Rabbi Moshe Yehoshua Hager, leader of the hassidic sect Vizhnitz in Bnei Brak, an Ultra Orthodox Jewish town near Tel Aviv on Wednesday. Rabbi Moshe Yehoshua Hager was the head of the Vizhnitz Hasidic dynasty and president of Agudath Israel's Council of Torah Sages. He was 95. ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Water babies rejoice. A new product invented by a Norwegian university student allows you to ski under water

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A new product called Subwing, apparently invented in 2010 by Norwegian university student Simon Sivertsen, can drag you behind a boat — under water.

Divers can press down the leading edge of the board to dive, pull it to rise to the surface and twist it left or right to change direction.

According to the Subwing website, the original invention, which came during an idyllic Mediterranean holiday, involved rope and driftwood, which graduated to two cutting boards, a garden hose and a couple of links.

Having two boards is vital — they allow the diver to swivel and spin through the water.

Sivertsen then took a year off university to tinker with the design.

Three versions of the Subwing are currently available and they have a price range going from $700 US to $895.

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A screengrab from the video on the Subwing website shows what skiing underwater looks like.

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Tragic accident

Boy, 3, fatally shoots himself in the head

A 3-year-old boy fatally shot himself with a gun he found in a car while his family stopped for gas early Wednesday at a gas station in the western U.S. state of Washington, police said.

It was the third recent shooting by a child in western Washington.

"It is incredible in light of the other ones," said Naveed Benjamin, a police officer in Tacoma, where the shooting occurred. "You would think people would take more care, not less."

The family had stopped for gas about 12:30 a.m. The father put his pistol under the seat and got out to pump gas while the mother went inside the convenience store, Benjamin said.

They left their son and their infant daughter in the car.

The boy climbed out of his child seat, found the gun and shot himself in the head, police said. He was declared dead at a hospital. The girl was not injured.

Detectives questioned the parents and have called the shooting a tragic accident, Benjamin said. The father has a concealed-weapons permit, and no charges are anticipated, he said.

Washington state does not have a law specifically concerning child access to firearms.

The shooting follows the death of the 7-year-old daughter of a Marysville police officer in Stanwood, Wash., on Saturday when a sibling found a gun and fired while the parents were out of their car. And on Feb. 22, an 8-year-old girl was critically wounded in a Bremerton, Wash., classroom when a gun fired inside the backpack of a 9-year-old boy as he put it on a desk.

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Police comment

"It's another tragedy in a very short period of time."

Naveed Benjamin
Police officer in Tacoma

Desperate Housewives. Nicollette Sheridan's case goes to jury

Jurors considering Nicollette Sheridan's wrongful-termination case were urged Wednesday to award her millions of dollars after her attorneys alleged her bosses on Desperate Housewives lied and conspired against the actress.

Sheridan's lawyer Mark Baute accused several witnesses of lying when they said the decision to kill Sheridan's character Edie Britt was made four months before the actress accused show creator Marc Cherry of striking her on the set.

Cherry and others testified that the death of Britt had been decided during the earliest planning stages of the fifth season.

Baute, however, claimed the move came as retaliation for her complaints about being hit hard in the head.

Nicollette Sheridan

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"You don't make decisions on killing one of your top five actresses early," Baute said. "It's a game-day decision. You wait."

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Proposed bill targets access to Viagra

Men's health. A U.S. senator has put forth a bill that would require men to undergo a medical exam before being prescribed drug

An Ohio state senator says she only wants to look out for men's health — the way men look out for women's — by introducing a bill that would require Viagra users to first get medical exams and affidavits of impotency from their partners.

"This isn't about restricting it," Democrat Nina Turner explained to the Toronto Star on Wednesday. "We are purely looking out for men's health and their well-being so they fully understand their options."

By men, she particularly means the conservatives behind the sudden uproar about birth control and abortion in the United States.

"It is crucial that we take the appropriate steps to shelter vulnerable men from the potential side-effects of these drugs," said the Cleveland Democrat. "I see birth control, abortion and Viagra as all part of reproductive health."

Bill 307 would require a man who wanted a prescription for erectile dysfunction to "have a long conversation with a sexual therapist to determine whether or not this is physical or mental," said Turner.

Republican state legislators have used options and risks as their rationale for restricting access to birth control and abortion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Looking out for men?

"The men in our lives generously devote time to fundamental female reproductive issues — the least we can do is return the favour."

U.S. Sen. Nina Turner

Bill 307 would restrict access to Viagra. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters allowed to stay

Occupy New Haven activists Jillian Tupper, left, and Bernadette DeLuca of Hamden react to news they don't have to vacate their camp on the Green in New Haven, Conn., Wednesday. A federal judge in Bridgeport granted an injunction Wednesday that will allow protesters to stay until March 28 while they fight the city's order to leave.

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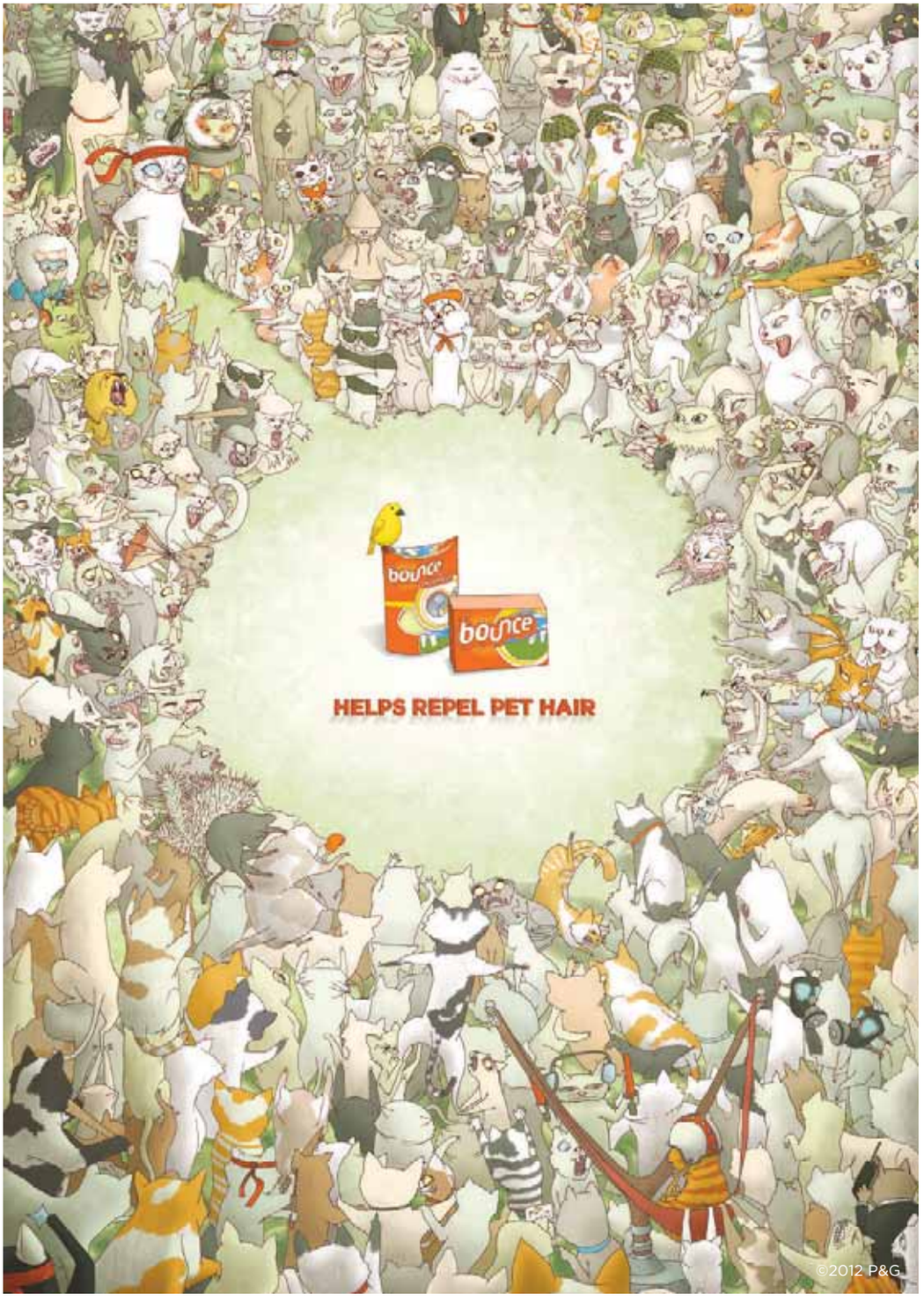


Backlash. Principal resigns after anti-gay, anti-abortion assembly

The principal of an Iowa secondary school that allowed members of a Christian rock band to espouse their anti-gay, anti-abortion views while showing students images of fetuses that had apparently been aborted is resigning.

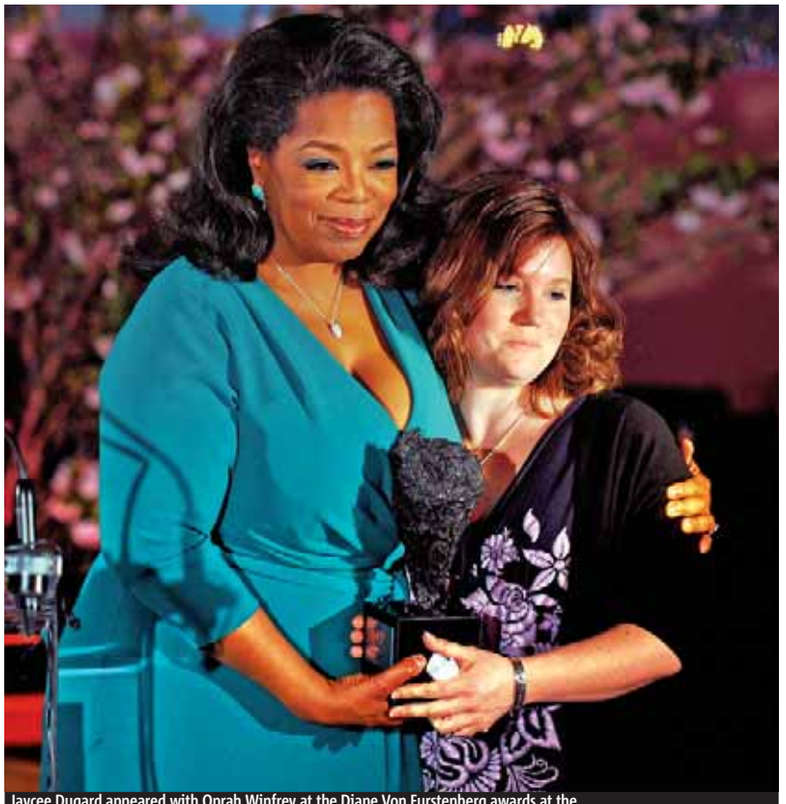
Mike Cooper, who oversees grades 7 to 12 at the school in Dunkerton, will tender his resignation Monday and remain on the job through the end of the school year, Dunkerton Superintendent Jim Stanton told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for a story published Tuesday.

Stanton said Cooper's decision is not related to Cooper's recommendation that the district invite the band Junkyard Prophet to perform at last week's assembly, and said the plan had been "in the works" for nearly a month. "He simply wants to be a superintendent," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preaching hate

"They told my daughter, the girls, that they were going to have mud on their wedding dresses if they weren't virgins."

Jennifer Littlefield, parent



Jaycee Dugard appeared with Oprah Winfrey at the Diane Von Furstenberg awards at the United Nations last week, her first public appearance. ANDREW H. WALKER/GETTY IMAGES

Dugard to stay in hiding to protect her teen daughters

Kidnapping survivor. In TV interview, woman says she's spent the past three years healing, experiencing life with her family

Kidnapping survivor Jaycee Dugard, who first made national headlines three years ago, said in a TV interview that she plans to live in seclusion with her daughters until they are mature enough to understand what happened to them.

Dugard, 31, and her two girls, ages 14 and 17, have been living at an undisclosed California location since being found by authorities in 2009 — 18 years after Dugard was abducted from a South Lake Tahoe bus stop.

Undated photo of Jaycee Dugard. HANDOUT

She was held by Phillip and Nancy Garrido in their backyard, where she gave birth to the two children conceived by rape.

"I want my girls to have a normal life as much as possible," she told ABC News in an interview that aired Tuesday. "I feel like on some things I have to do it a little bit differently ... not be recognized ... for their sake.

"I think in time as they get older, they'll know how to deal with it better, and that would be the time that we would come out," she said.

Dugard has been working to build the JAYC Foundation, which aims to support families dealing with abduction and other tragedies. She wrote a bestselling memoir last year, A Stolen Life, which recounts her years in captivity.

During the TV interview, Sawyer asked Dugard if either of the Garridos had tried to contact her.

"No, not at all, which is fine with me," Dugard said.

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Peru

Illegal miners battle police

Thousands of illegal gold miners battled police for control of a regional capital in the Amazon basin on Wednesday and at least three people were killed by gunfire. Outnumbered riot police fired tear gas against miners who wielded clubs and rocks and tried to seize strategic facilities.

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Nigeria

Helicopter crash kills four

A top police official and three others have died in a police helicopter crash in central Nigeria after patrolling one of the country's religious flashpoints, police said Wednesday.

Deputy Inspector General of Police Haruna John died in the crash in a residential neighbourhood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United States

Court rejects wolf-hunt lawsuit

A U.S. federal appeals court on Wednesday rejected a lawsuit from conservation groups that want to block wolf hunts that have killed more than 500 wolves across the Northern Rockies in recent months.

The number of wolves in the region grew slightly last year.

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Syrian violence. Sarkozy likens Assad to a 'murderer' as divisions deepen

French President Nicolas Sarkozy likened Syrian leader Bashar Assad to a "murderer" while Russia said it was arming his regime, reflecting the ongoing divisions in the international community over how to bring the violence in Syria to an end.

The French leader, whose country was Syria's one-time colonial ruler, urged humanitarian corridors to allow refugees out and aid into the country.

"We must obtain humanitarian corridors, and for that we must unblock the Russian veto and Chinese veto" at the UN Security Council, Sarkozy told Europe-1 radio.

The divisions over Syria were further evident with the news that Italy was joining a string of countries closing their embassies in Syria to protest the bloodshed.

Efforts by Kofi Annan, the international envoy charged with trying to help end the violence in Syria, have borne little so far.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy LIONEL BONAVENTURE/GETTY IMAGES

Meantime, Russia's foreign minister on Wednesday showed irritation with its longtime ally Syria, saying Bashar Assad has been slow to implement long-needed reforms and warning that the conflict in the Arab state could spiral out of control.

Sergey Lavrov's comments to the Russian parliament did not appear to hint at a change in Russia's policy toward Syria, which has come under wide criticism.

Moscow has protected Syria, a key ally since the Soviet times, from UN sanctions over the Assad regime's bloody suppression of a yearlong uprising, in which the UN says over 7,500 have been killed.

But the statement was notable for its public frustration with Assad's government, which depends on Russia for weapons.

Lavrov insisted that Moscow's stance was rooted in respect for the international law, not a desire to defend its client.

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Security council

- The UN Security Council has been considering a new resolution on Syria.

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Smells like teen speculation

Willow Tufano bought a home in Florida. HANDOUT PIC

Investment. Girl earns enough money selling items on Craigslist to split a short-sell house with her mom

Willow Tufano saved up money for a year and half by selling items on Craigslist. The 14-year-old scraped together enough to invest in a rental property.

She went halfsies with her mother on a $12,000 short-sell home in Port Charlotte, Fla. The tropical American state was hard-hit in the 2008 housing crash, which means there are a number of great deals on homes through short sells from banks trying to make back some of their money loaned to homeowners who couldn't afford their mortgages.

A dark-haired 14-year-old with braces and a wide smile, the young entrepreneur earned her initial seed money scavenging items on trash day, at auctions, on eBay, the free section on Craigslist, the Good Will and garage sales. She fixed them up and resold them on Craigslist for a profit. At the time she didn't know what she was saving for, but rather than buy a new computer or save it for college like a typical kid, she wanted to put her money into something that would help it grow.

"It was definitely a lot of inspiration from my mom and my grandma," Tufano said about her decision to get into real estate.

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Landlord

- **Rent.** Willow hopes to eventually buy the home, which at the peak of the real estate bubble was worth $100,000, and continue to rent it out.
- **Payback.** Her half of the $700 rent they charge to the young couple that moved in goes toward paying back her mom for the second half of the house and the $15,000 in renovations they put into the house.

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Luminato salutes

More highlights

- **Free concerts.** Hip-hop artists K'naan and Kae Sun will open Luminato with a free concert, one of several in the lineup that will also see performances from Rufus Wainwright and Loreena McKennitt, among others.
- **Alice Munro.** Luminato 2012 also features an onstage chat with internationally renowned Canadian author Alice Munro, who has made few public appearances in recent years. Munro will discuss her career with The New Yorker's fiction editor, Deborah Treisman. Other authors set to appear at the festival include Michael Ondaatje, Irvine Welsh, Peter Carey and Vincent Lam.
- **Robert Lepage.** Another hot ticket is Playing Cards 1: SPADES, a new production from Quebec theatre master Robert Lepage. It's the first in a projected four-part theatre series that explores global conflict, and it runs three hours long. Luminato artistic director Jorn Weisbrodt says the show is "truly Lepage at his best" and is "a tornado of a production" — literally, as there will be a tornado onstage.
- **Philip Glass.** Einstein on the Beach: An Opera in Four Acts runs five hours and is a reconstructed version of the acclaimed Robert Wilson and Philip Glass work that they first produced in 1976. This is the international tour of the production, which features music, poetry and abstract dance.

Sisters Kate, left, and Anna McGarrigle produced 10 albums together before Kate died of cancer in January 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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McGarrigle

Summer arts festival. Lineup announced Wednesday is drawn from worlds of magic, dance, film, food, music and visual arts

When the family of folksinger Kate McGarrigle staged a tribute concert five months after her death in 2010, they could hardly get through the songs, her sister Anna recalls.

"I found the whole experience so incredibly moving," McGarrigle, who was also Kate's longtime musical partner, said Wednesday as Toronto's Luminato arts festival announced it will feature a similar tribute concert this summer.

"People were just sort of breaking down in tears behind the scenes as they would get onstage, just because it was almost too much to bear.

"So now it's more a joyous thing."

Love Over and Over: The Songs of Kate McGarrigle plays on June 15 at Massey Hall with the late musician's sisters, Anna and Jane, her children, Rufus and Martha Wainwright, and her niece and nephew, Lily and Sylvan Lanken. Other artists on the bill include Emmylou Harris, Bruce Cockburn, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Robert Charlebois and some members of Broken Social Scene and Stars.

First staged in London in June 2010, the tribute concert has also run in New York. Each city has featured different artists and the Luminato showcase is billed as the Canadian tribute.

A portion of the proceeds from the show will go to the Kate McGarrigle Fund, created to further research into clear-cell sarcoma, which took her life in January 2010 in Montreal.

The concert is a fitting tribute, as the singer-songwriter loved performing, said McGarrigle, who produced 10 albums with her sister.

"When she was onstage, she could forget all her troubles. Being onstage has a way of focusing you that way. You don't feel any pain. So her children just wanted to keep her spirit alive."

By coincidence, Luminato's new artistic director, Jorn Weisbrodt, is engaged to Kate McGarrigle's son, Rufus Wainwright.

But Weisbrodt, 39, said his introduction to Luminato did not involve Wainwright, and came when he approached the festival about producing Einstein on the Beach, a work by Robert Wilson and Philip Glass.

Several events are also lined up to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, including the large-scale art installation The Encampment, from Thomas+Guinevere, and the world premiere of Laura's Cow, a family opera about the Canadian heroine Laura Secord. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Illuminato

"What really attracted me about the festival is that it wants to encompass all these creative disciplines."

Jorn Weisbrodt, artistic director, Luminato

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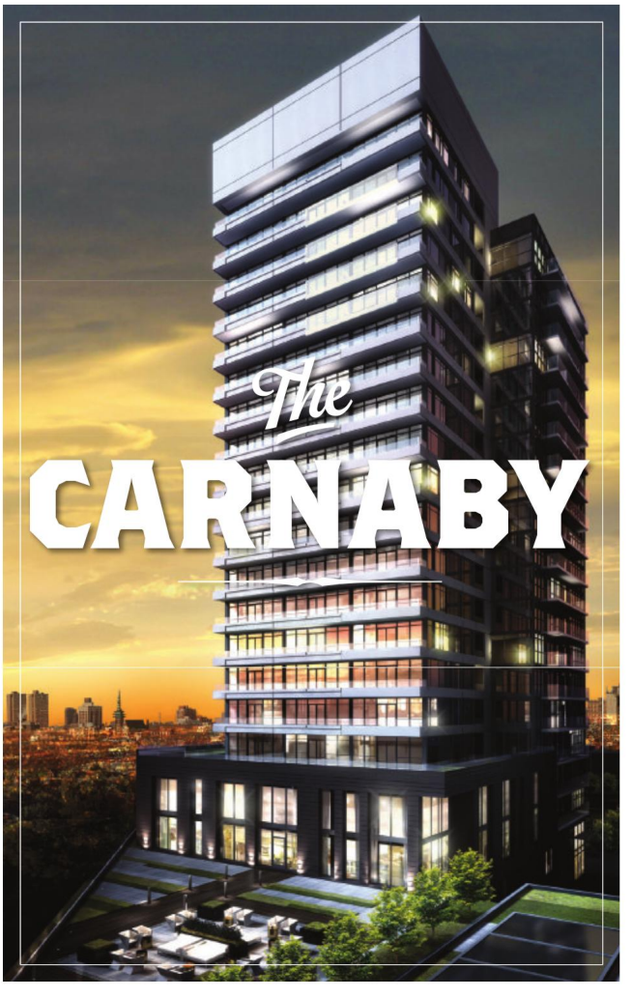

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Alberta Premier Alison Redford was disturbed by some of the survey's findings. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

8% of Alberta men say hitting women OK

Leger poll. 40% also say women who dress provocatively risk being raped

Almost one in 10 Alberta men believes hitting a woman is OK if she makes them angry, according to a recent poll.

The Leger Marketing survey also found 40 per cent of the men say women who dress provocatively risk being raped.

"This is the first study of its kind that has been done in Alberta, and I believe in the rest of the country," Ian Large, vice-president for the Alberta branch of Leger Marketing, told the Star Wednesday.

"Alberta has a particularly bad reputation in this area," he said, adding the 1,000 men surveyed were remarkably honest.

According to a report released by Statistics Canada in 2011, Alberta and Saskatchewan have the highest rates of spousal abuse in the country.

Those taken aback by the "ground-breaking" results include Alberta Premier Alison Redford, who said the statistic showing that 21 per cent of men surveyed said slapping a child's face is acceptable behaviour "made me sick to my stomach."

"I think that is very troubling, and as a mother of a nine-year-old, I want us to do better as a community," she said. "We have to start saying to people that this behaviour is inappropriate.... It's not acceptable in Alberta in 2012."

Redford said the "silent majority" has a role in ensuring this kind of behaviour is not tolerated and that families feel safe in their own homes.

The Leger survey results were released Monday in Calgary at the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) annual Breakfast With the Guys fundraiser, designed to encourage men and boys to take a stand against domestic violence.

Jan Reimer, provincial coordinator for ACWS, told reporters she has "mixed emotions" about the survey results.

Reimer said some of the responses are cause for optimism, citing the fact that 56 per cent of men say they are more aware of domestic violence issues than they were five years ago, and 91 per cent say they would intervene if they knew someone in a violent relationship.

However, Reimer found it troubling that nine per cent still said they'd physically assault a woman if she had sex with another man.

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Survey says...

- **Violence.** Thirteen per cent of the survey respondents said domestic violence is not as serious if it results from people getting so angry they temporarily lose control.
- **Acceptability.** Eight per cent did not agree that it's never acceptable to physically assault a woman if she did something to incite the anger.
- **Trouble hearing.** Fourteen per cent agreed that women often say "no" when they mean "yes."

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Northern boom

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Succession plan

Investors seek Berkshire disclosure

A group of Berkshire Hathaway investors from the AFL-CIO wants to require the company to reveal Warren Buffett's successor.

The union wants to require the company to disclose a written succession plan that includes the criteria for the next chief executive. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Wireless market. Foreign investment restrictions lifted for telecom firms

Ottawa moved Wednesday to level the wireless playing field by placing limits on the coming wireless spectrum auction and lifting foreign-investment limits on small telecom firms in an effort to boost competition.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis says the new measures will allow new wireless carriers into the market and foster greater competition in the telecom industry after the auction expected next year.

"This is the bottom line here: we have the three incumbents," Paradis said. "We want to have a fourth player. So what we are bringing here are the tools that will likely help to achieve this target."

Canada's wireless market is dominated by Telus, Rogers, and Bell.

The changes to the auction rules will let at least four companies obtain spectrum in each of Canada's 14 licence areas, effectively making one block available for one of the smaller players.

As well, companies with less than 10 per cent of the telecom market will no longer have restrictions on foreign investment.

The government is also applying measures to the 700-MHz wireless spectrum auction to ensure rural Canadians receive the same level of service as people who live in bigger towns and cities. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Members of the Renaud family play on their wireless devices as Minister of Industry Christian Paradis makes an announcement in Russell, Ont., on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street. Goldman Sachs exec resigns with scathing NYT op-ed

An executive director at investment giant Goldman Sachs resigned Wednesday by way of a scathing op-ed in the New York Times, decrying a work environment he described as "toxic and destructive" and where employees systematically try to come up with ways to fleece their clients.

Greg Smith's editorial firebomb is certain to renew debate in the United States about how much Wall Street has truly changed four years after shady lending practices by investment firms resulted in a widespread financial meltdown that brought the country to the brink of a depression.

Goldman Sachs' headquarters in N.Y.C. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It makes me ill how callously people talk about ripping their clients off," Smith wrote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vehicle sales on the rise

Canadian sales of new cars and trucks opened the year on a resoundingly positive note, but may have fallen off last month, Statistics Canada suggested Wednesday.

The federal agency — which collects data on monthly retail sales in dollars and in units of new vehicles sold in Canada — found a 15.4 per cent rise in vehicles sold in January to 153,623 units from 133,146 units sold in December.

The data indicates sales rose at the fastest pace in more than 15 years in January, economist Robert Kavcic said Wednesday in a report by BMO Economics.

And while sales are likely to dip in the short term, the industry is headed in the right direction, he said.

"Sales rose across the country, with Ontario and Quebec seeing the biggest increases," he noted. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Car sales hit a 15-year high in January. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

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Ke$ha, the face of the seal protest.
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As "pop" "super" "star" Ke$ha throws her weight (90 pounds) behind the fight against the Atlantic Canadian seal hunt, the question must be asked: Who spoke for the seals before pop culture sucked?

Every year there's some sort-of celebrity who clubs us over the head with the message that Newfoundlanders and Maritimers are barbarians for taking part in a tightly controlled hunt of sea mammals (horrors!).

There's been Pamela Anderson, MacGyver, an America's Top Model host, and generally just a cavalcade of Z-listers who need something to do now that there's no such thing as Hollywood Squares.

What the $#%!

And this year there's Ke$ha, trying to $ave the $eals, despite an apparent shortage of funds which keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard.

You can make an argument that Paul McCartney has been the exception, but a) he spoke out because of his wife/master Heather Mills (who could pay the sealers' wages with her alimony) and b) McCartney wrote Simply Having a Wonderful Christmastime, which is the sonic equivalent of a seal being strangled.

And this year there's Ke$ha trying to $ave the $eals despite an apparent shortage of funds that keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard. The irony in this case being that her music can kill surrounding animal and plant life at 100 paces.

All celebrity-bashing aside, there are only a couple of reasons why people care about the seal hunt.

First and foremost, seals are so cute they're basically children's toys with intestines. The acceptability of animal slaughter is based entirely on how adorable a species is. That's why you never see a supermodel on the ice floes promoting the Save the Flounder foundation.

The second reason is that seals are killed for one brief period each year, which by definition makes it news. No media outlet covers the bloody slaughter of cows, chicken and sheep because it's 365, 24-7, and budgets these days don't allow that kind of in-depth reporting.

I feel particularly bad for the cow. It's dopey-looking *and* is killed by the tens of millions. That's why many celebrities have posed for those Got Milk? ads. Think about that. Famous people pose with *the food made for the cows' children* smeared on their face, all with a big smile. Barbarians.

If you're a vegetarian, cool, add the seal hunt to the list of things that offend your sensibilities. But if you like steak, chicken or lobster, then you're a hypocrite, and possibly a big, fat one.

I just looked it up, and Ke$ha is a vegetarian, so I guess she's off the hook. The seal hunt is a heated discussion, but I'm always up for differing, honestly held opinions.

I call a truce, Ke$ha. If we're ever in Newfoundland at the same time, let's go clubbing.

Pamela Anderson doesn't wear fur. She doesn't wear much of anything, actually.
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Hotdog diplomacy

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U.S. and U.K. bond over hotdogs

DAYTON, OHIO. U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron take a break with hotdogs at a college basketball game.

Cameron and wife, Samantha, are on a three-day visit to the United States. A "sports-fan-in-chief," Obama has his own basketball court in the White House premises.

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"It's fast, it's pretty fast and furious. It's hard to follow sometimes exactly who's done what wrong."

David Cameron
On the basketball game he attended.

Point guard

"David Cameron is going to teach me the rules of cricket."

Barack Obama
After Cameron admitted Obama had to explain the rules of basketball.

Three-pointer

Their wives promote health

HEALTH. While the president and prime minister were busy scarfing down unhealthy food, their respective wives — Michelle Obama and Samantha Cameron — attended an Olympics-themed event in Washington for kids, to highlight the London 2012 Games and Mrs. Obama's anti-obesity campaign.

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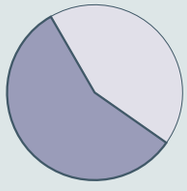

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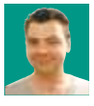
Toronto Fashion Week is in its 14th year. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From chaos to catwalk — looking good is a lot of work

Toronto Fashion Week. It takes an army to ensure the models and clothes look their best when they hit the runway



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How chaotic is Toronto Fashion Week? Enough to drown out a presentation on the chaos on Toronto Fashion Week.

Ensuring that the chaos doesn't overshadow the designs is a well-oiled machine made up of volunteers, assistants, stylists, publicists and sponsors whose collective goal is to make the clothes look their best when the models do their little turn on the catwalk.

An event started 14 years ago, with a handful of designers in the Windsor Arms Hotel has exploded into North America's second largest fashion event. Over 1,000 designers have shown their wares to 50,000 attendees over the event's 26 seasons.

Martin Lim (presented as a singular entity, but comprised of design and life partners Danielle Martin and Pao Lim) is the new kid on the block, making its runway debut after winning the Mercedes-Benz Star-Up contest last year.

Soft-spoken and visibly nervous, the pair admitted that finishing the collection in time for the show had been a hectic experience. "We got a little panicked 20 minutes ago because we lost a dress," admitted Lim, while a phalanx of publicists looked on. "It was in the bottom of the bag," said Martin.

While the droning sounds of the Velvet Underground's Heroin from the Chloé Comme Parris show on the main runway echoed through the makeshift pavilion in David Pecaut Square, finishing touches were being made for the duo's show on the Studio Runway.

Hair and makeup is the first stop for the models showing off the new collection.

Reeking of hairspray, with hair clippings and bobby pins strewn about the floor, they sit in front of more than a dozen mirrors, organized in one long line, while a gaggle of stylist flits about, prepping them for the evening's show.

The women are expected to be in the area three hours prior to show time; those already made-up sit in a small cluster of chairs, waiting to move through the designer's prep area and into the change area where they'll slip in and out of Martin Lim's designs.

An hour to show time, the collection is hung on racks along with a stack of white poster board featuring model's names, photos of them wearing the items and last minute instructions scrawled in Sharpie.

All this for a piece of clothing that might get two minutes in the spotlight. Noted one sponsor: "It's amazing what goes into it."

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Scene in brief

Stars join rating fight

Johnny Depp is among the stars joining the call for a lower rating on the documentary Bully. Lee Hirsch's documentary on bullying has been rated R for language. Distributors appealed the decision, but it was upheld by the Motion Picture Association of America. In Canada, provinces that have already rated the documentary have given it a PG rating.
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Judd's 'great European adventure'

Television. Ashley Judd returns to the small screen in Missing

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Missing, which stars Ashley Judd, premieres Thursday on CTV. HANDOUT

Ashley Judd says the decision to return to TV with the spy drama Missing didn't come easily.

"There was a lot of hesitation. I was really torn right up until I decided to do it," says Judd, who is best known for such big screen movies as Kiss The Girls and Double Jeopardy.

"But part of what attracted me to this project was the premise — which was very simple and compelling. I'm a mother looking for her missing child."

Which is true. To a point. In Missing, Judd does indeed play Rebecca Winstone, a middle-aged widow who is horrified when her son goes missing while vacationing in Europe.

But when the authorities prove no help, Winstone heads to Europe, where she quickly reveals her past life as a CIA operative who can kick some serious butt when things turns deadly.

"I only get back involved with the CIA so I can find my son. But to my great dismay, I start to get pulled back into that old life."

Missing is also something of an international production with episodes set in such exotic locales like Rome, Paris, Dubrovnik, and Istanbul. The international cast includes Sean Bean, Keith Carradine, and Canada's Lothaire Bluteau .

"We didn't shoot in Burbank. There's very little green screen and minimal interiors," says Judd, who last graced the small screen in the early 1990s with Sisters.

"The whole point is that we're taking North Americans on this great European adventure and making TV for the world."

Judd says prepping for the show's energetic fight scenes involved little more than a few weeks of yoga.

"I have some background in it. And I had an amazing fight choreographer. For whatever reason, I'm good at it. I'm a natural. I like it," she laughs.

Besides acting, Judd has devoted a lot of her time in recent years to furthering her education. She recently completed a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard.

"It's really fun to go back as a grownup with life experience and to look through the course catalogue and think — what do I really want to learn and study?"

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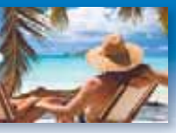

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Co-writer/co-directors Mark Duplass, left, and Jay Duplass on the set of their film Jeff, Who Lives at Home, from Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush. HANDOUT

Brothers with the pen and the lens

Q&A. Metro chats with one half of the creative team behind new film Jeff, Who Lives at Home

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Filmmaker brothers Jay and Mark Duplass do everything together — write, direct, conduct interviews. So we took it as a rare treat when, due to a scheduling conflict, we got to interview Jay on his own for their new film, Jeff, Who Lives at Home.

But if you're looking for simmering sibling tensions, don't get your hopes up. The quieter Duplass Brother passed on the opportunity to badmouth Mark.

Where did the story for this film come from?

We actually wrote a short film in 2003. It wasn't titled anything, we just wrote a very short film about this character and it was about him in his basement apartment.

It was inspired by the character, someone who is totally obsessed with the concept of destiny, their place in the world, their connection to their destiny, signs leading from one place to the next — potentially smoking marijuana.

And the concept was that we would take this person and thrust them in the world. And actually make them interact with the real world and some point and hopefully it would be funny.

It is funny, but it's also a very realistic, dramatic film.

Now that we have made a few films, we're realizing that a lot of times what we do is we start in on the comedic side of things — and I think that's how we experience characters like Jeff in our own life. You see a guy like Jeff at the supermarket, you're probably going to tap your spouse and giggle about the guy who is smelling the fruit a little too long.

But you get to know this person — they have dreams, they have hopes and they probably have a dark side. They probably have a really dark side if they are in that position where they're smelling fruit for too long, you know?

Where do you get the ideas for your films usually?

Mark and I have always sat in airports and in our apartments and told each other stories about these really embarrassing, cringeworthy things that we've done in our relationships or that some friends of ours has done, and we'll be like, "Oh, that's awful."

It's very dramatic. And then we'll start giggling about it. And I now know that that's what we're doing in our movies. We're relating insanely specific and realistic things that happen between people and cringing about it and giggling about after. It's obvious now that that's what Mark and I have uniquely to offer the world, but that was such a painful, long-term process of finding that. We are terrified of looking out and looking at other filmmakers. We are completely focused on just staying within ourselves and staying within our peer group.

You've been brothers your whole lives, but when did you start creating together?

We've been creating together since Mark was born. We just grew up in a very creative family. We're just kind of from a middle-class New Orleans family, and my dad's a lawyer, my mom took care of us and now she does retail.

But when we were growing up, we baked, we made stained glass out of plastic Mardi Gras beads — and probably contaminated ourselves the whole way through. We did make movies with the giant VCR with the VTR attached, the separate unit. I would carry the camera and Mark would have to lug the VTR. We were in bands together.

So we've always made things and we've always functioned as a unit. You have to put credits up there, but Mark and I just make stuff.

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Stellan Skarsgärd talks about Devil's Island

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Stellan Skarsgärd plays the governor of a remote island boys' detention centre in 1913 Norway in the fact-based film King of Devil's Island. We spoke with Skarsgård from his home in Sweden.

There were 100 boys on the set. How did they do?
These amateurs had real life experience of being children on the edge of society because all of them were. When they're acting they have the truth in their eyes, and you can see behind the surface.

You must be very proud of your son Alexander who has had such success as an actor.
I am. He didn't have tough moments. I have three more children who are actors. I have seven children and eight in September. Gustaf is fantastic, he's 31, younger than Alexander and he won a Best Actor award and worked with Peter Weir. The other is only 22, Bill, and he does a lot of films in Sweden.

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Love, in the time of implants

The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye.
Documentary takes a look at a different kind of love story

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The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye opens Friday. HANDOUT

Love is in the eye of the beholder but in the case of artist/industrial music pioneer Genesis P. Orridge, it is a far more all-encompassing physical connection.

Orridge and the love of his life, the late "cut-up" artist and sometime dominatrix Lady Jaye are the subjects of avant garde cinema director Marie Losier's touching and — on the surface, anyway — freakish film The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye, an experimental documentary that explores the lives of two very eccentric people who tried to make their love into something grander than life and almost succeeded.

Losier has crafted a picture that challenges concepts of human connection; Orridge is a fascinating figure and when he tells the tale of meeting his future bride — waking up passed out on the floor of an S&M dungeon — it is indeed as sweet and old-fashioned as any first encounter anecdote. That was key for the filmmaker, to find her subject's humanity. "Gen loves the film," Losier told Metro. "He finds it very moving and I'm so happy about that. He is a very strong person."

The strength on Orridge was hard wired from his days in confrontational pre-punk electronic experimental band Throbbing Gristle and, later and still today, in Psychic TV. When he met Lady Jaye later in life, the two embarked on a project to challenge preconceptions of gender, first cross dressing on their wedding day (he the bride, she the groom) and later, submitting to a series of plastic surgeries — including matching breast implants — in order to become mirror physical entities.

"A lot of music fans have criticized the film for not showing enough about Gen's work in music," Losier said.

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Lohan could see a hit and run charge

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It's been, what? A hot minute since Lindsay Lohan hasn't been in trouble with the law?

Her days-long winning streak is seemingly coming to an end after allegedly hitting a man with her brand new black Porsche and fleeing the scene in Hollywood late Tuesday night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly trying to execute a three-point turn and avoid paparazzi while leaving a nightclub when her car made contact with the manager of a nearby hookah lounge.

The manager, whose knee was supposedly grazed, initially said he was fine and didn't need medical attention, according to paparazzi on the scene. But when he was informed that Lohan was behind the wheel, he reportedly began complaining about being injured.

The man was taken to the emergency room and is said to be considering hiring a lawyer and pressing charges.

Police sources tell the website that they will open a hit-and-run investigation if the man decides to press charges.

Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tell-all book could net Perry a multi-million dollar payday

Katy Perry has reportedly been flooded with offers to write a tell-all book about her divorce from Russell Brand, with one publisher offering $3.1 million for the story, according to the Sun.

There's no word on whether she's considering the offer, but some speculate that her recent silence seems suspect.

"When everything was going well, Katy couldn't stop talking about him," a source notes.

"Since the split, neither of them have said anything — keeping the price of a deal high."

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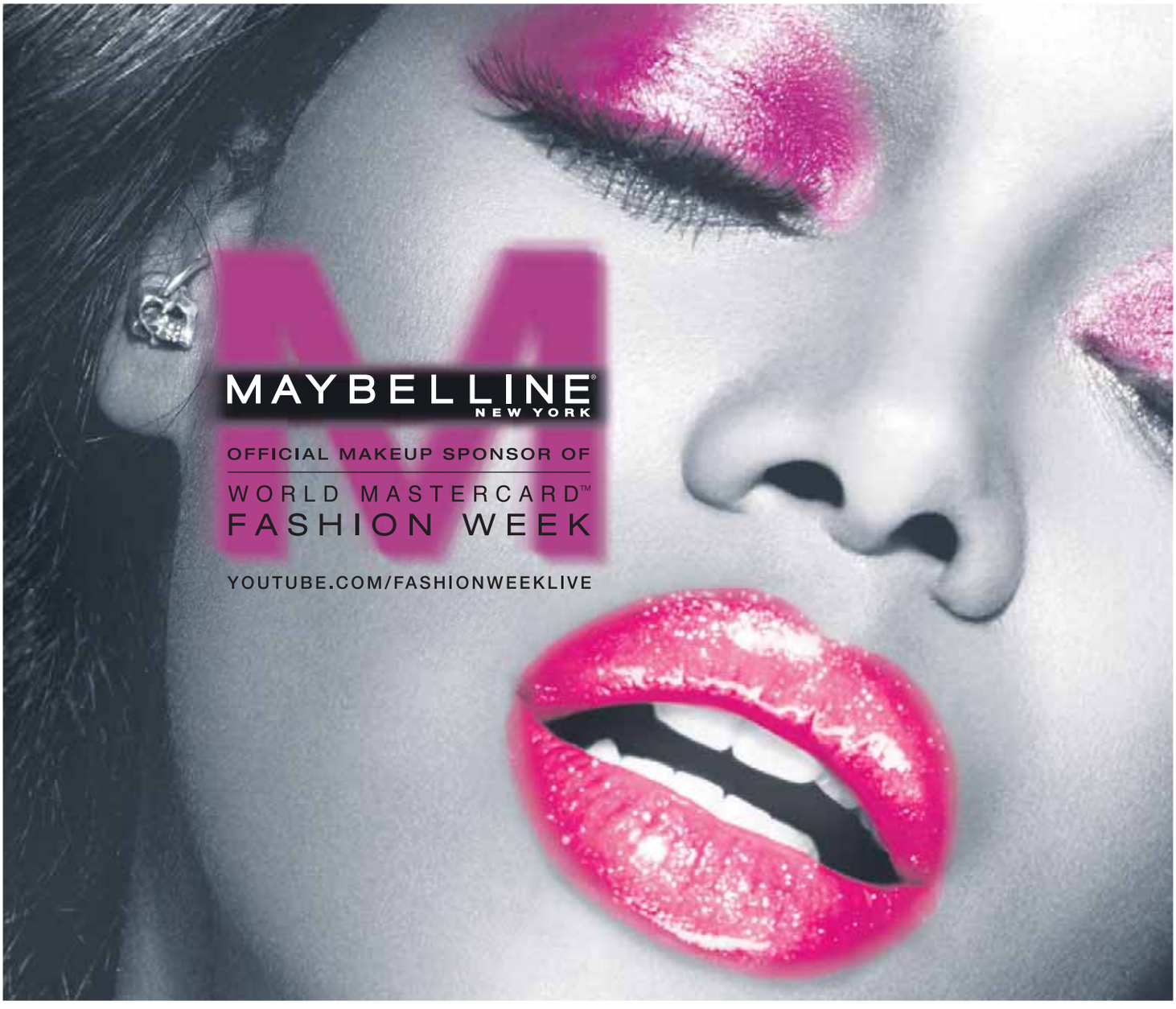

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The fresh, the future and the forget it of fashion

Four weeks later. We attempt to make sense of a chaotic month of catwalks

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

NOW

The decorated waist

Inhale and hold. The waist was a major focal point for the fall shows.

Burberry Prorsum highlighted it with little bows, Etro played it up with horsey harnesses and peplums, while Fendi and Acne cinched it with wide, sculpting belts. This is probably the easiest idea to adopt now. Simply grab a ribbon and tie it around any one of spring's trendy, lady-like dresses.

Clothes you can breathe in

Despite all the nipped and cinched waists we've seen all month, there was also an overall no-squeezing-required easiness to a lot of the clothes designers showed for fall.

Basically, you don't have to have the perfect body to pull them off.

Think relaxed and slouchy trousers (as seen at Balenciaga, Dries van Noten and Proenza Schouler, to name a few) and skirts that are forgivingly full and knee length (Marc Jacobs, Rodarte and Rochas are good examples).

So go ahead and eat the bun that came with that hamburger.

NEXT FALL

Dark and moody

The darker the colour, the more on-trend you'll be next fall. Burgundy, oxblood and purple were the colours of the season in New York and London showing up everywhere from Diane von Furstenberg to Jason Wu to Christopher Kane.

And black dominated Milan and Paris — just look at Gucci, Alberta Ferretti, Roberto Cavalli, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent for proof. You get extra points if you go dark from head to toe à la Rooney Mara, the most referenced girl of the month. But we suggest holding off until September before you start rocking this look. The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo goth thing can get a little hot and sweaty in spring.

Look-at-me outerwear

Technically, every autumn/winter show is an outerwear show.

Coats and jackets are one of those items that women rarely skimp on, so designers like to give plenty to choose from here.

That said, the outerwear reached new heights when it comes to fabric innovation and embellishment — that's a good thing when you consider that the winter coat is the only thing a person really sees on the street in winter.

Our votes for season's best goes to Prada (decorative and ornamental), Alexander Wang (slick, sleek and urban) and Jil Sander (soft, chic and romantic).

NEVER

Anything that appears to swallow you whole

Outsize coats and dresses are having a moment again thanks to Marc Jacobs and Comme des Garçcons. But word to the wise: steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree.

Animals appearing 2D and 3D on clothing

Jeremy Scott attached a giant white unicorn to a black evening dress. And Jean-Charles de Castelbajac affixed life-size toucan heads to the shoulders of tweed suits. But unless your name is Lady Gaga, neither of these looks will go over well in the day-to-day.

Huge problems

"Steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree."

Kenya Hunt, Metro World News

Diane von Furstenberg / GETTY IMAGES

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Music à la mode

If the clothes could sing

When soundtracks go right

The playlist for Raf Simons' last Jil Sander show included The Smashing Pumpkins Tonight, Mazzy Star's Fade Into You, and Sonic Youth's cover of Superstar. It was poignant and slightly melancholic, helping to get the audience appropriately choked up for Simons's final bow.

And when they go wrong

Sportmax showed a solid, polished collection. But that's not what everyone was talking about after the show. That would actually be the soundtrack, which was randomly filled with the raunchiest hip hop club bangers including The Ying Yang Twins's notoriously pervy Whisper Song.

The Azealia vs. Lana sing-off

It was the month of Azealia Banks's 212 and Lana del Rey's Video Games with their music popping up at Unique, Blugirl, Etro, Tracy Reese, the list goes on. That said, maybe it's time for these ladies to drop a new single?

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Style file

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As trends change shape, so does Fashion Week

Style and the city.
New names, new look, live streaming channel among changes at Toronto Fashion Week

The winds of change are sweeping through Toronto Fashion Week. Not only have a cast of new players been unveiling their creations on the runway, but the event has been widening its reach to bring everyday consumers closer to the action.

The biannual fashion showcase kicked off Monday under makeshift tents at David Pecaut Square, steps from the downtown theatre district, with a new name on the marquee as World MasterCard took over title sponsorship of the event.

The company continued its Fashion Week-affiliated retail program, Stylicity, which works in partnership with local businesses.

Maybelline is handling styling duties behind the scenes as the new makeup sponsor.

The cosmetics brand has been bringing the on-site and backstage experience to the home viewer, presenting live streaming of 20 fashion shows on a dedicated YouTube channel.

Fashion Design Council of Canada president Robin Kay, who is also executive director of Fashion Week, said an additional 200 seats were added to the runway room — and that the general public would find it easier to buy tickets, which have been starting at $25 a show and $175 for a day pass.

Those without access to the 3,716 square-metre "fashion tent city" have been able to peek in on the models having their hair and makeup done backstage through a window at the venue.

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Major changes are afoot on the runway and behind the scenes at Toronto Fashion Week, which kicked off fall-winter collections on Monday.
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Ingredients

4 portions
Preparations: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fresh whole-wheat bread crumbs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shelled pistachios, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg white
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 4 small white fish fillets (about 500 g/1 lb)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) canola oil

Chunky Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

- 5 ml (1 tsp) canola oil
- Half small onion, finely diced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 jar (340 ml/12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) liquid honey

Fish. If you think healthy eating only consists of bland salads, think again. This recipe boasts a tasty pepper sauce

The soft meatiness of colourful pistachios contrasts with the crisp garlic crust of the fish. Choose catfish, tilapia, haddock or cod fillets.

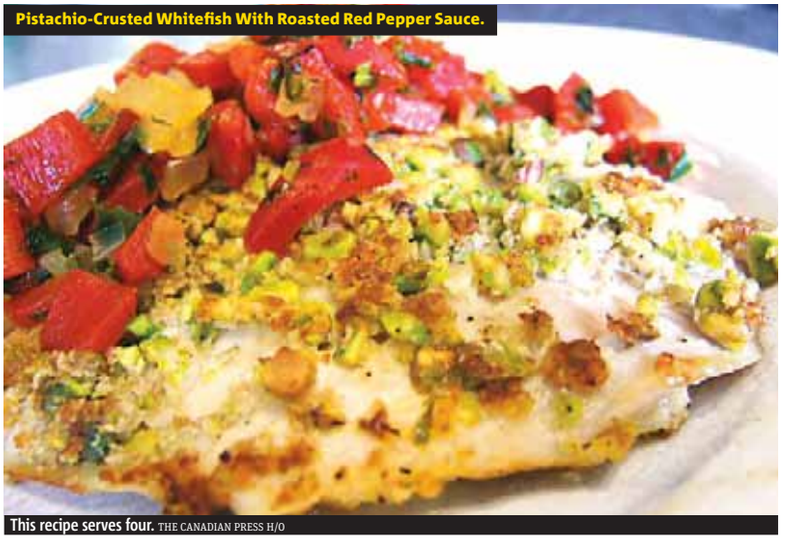
1 In a shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, pistachios, garlic and pepper.

2 In another shallow dish, whisk together egg white and mustard. Coat fish fillets with mustard mixture and coat in bread crumb mixture.

3 In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) oil; cook fish on medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Turn over and place in a 220 C (425 F) oven for about 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

4 Meanwhile, in a small non-stick skillet or saucepan, heat 5 ml (1 tsp) oil over medium heat and cook onion and parsley for about 5 minutes or until softened.

5 Add peppers, broth and honey and bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 2 minutes or until some of the broth has evaporated. Serve over fish fillets. DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



Pistachio-Crusted Whitefish With Roasted Red Pepper Sauce.

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

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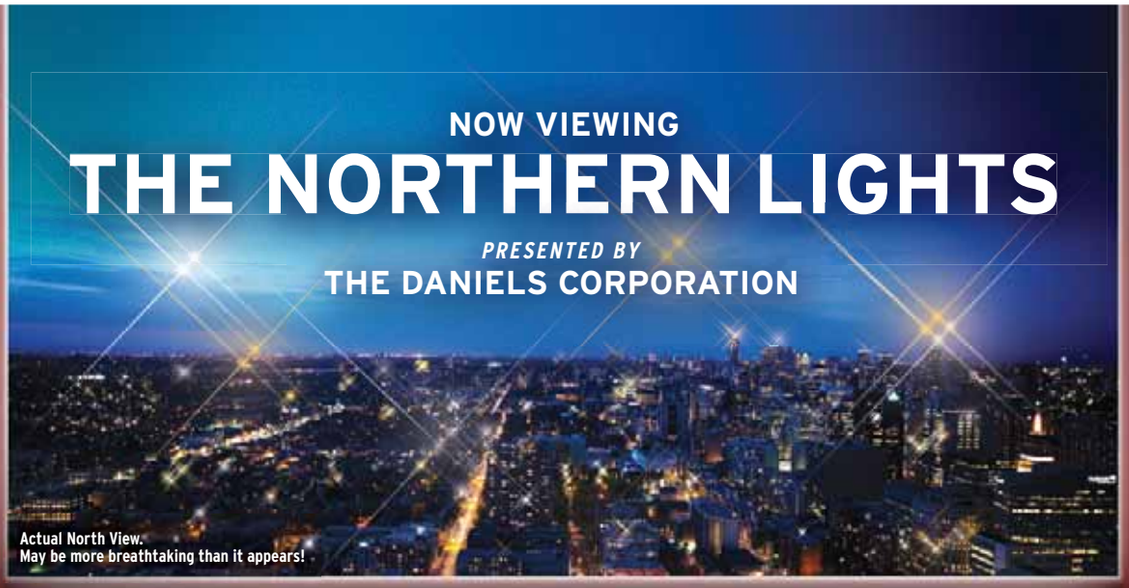

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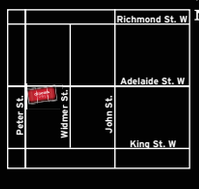

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- **What.** The Carlaw, by Streetcar Developments
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- **Pricing.** From the mid $200,000s to $679,900

The project overview

Coming soon to Toronto's east end, The Carlaw is an intimate new 12-storey residence framing 320 lofts and 13 urban townhomes. The condo is anchored by a central courtyard, part of a 25,000 sq. ft. indoor/outdoor event space.

Location and transit

Both the Dundas and Queen streetcars are close by. Commuters are near the DVP and the Gardiner Expressway is only blocks away. Cyclists will have access to the Carlaw and Dundas bike lanes. 15 minutes to the downtown core.

In the 'hood

Boutiques, restaurants, parks, entertainment and nightlife along Queen street are a quick stroll away. Many of Toronto's trendiest shops and eateries are just down the street, like the Leslieville Cheese Market, Rowe Farms, Olive & Olives and The Opera House.

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It's been 60 years since the National Home Show first opened its doors, so it goes without saying that the event has come a long way.

When the Show opens tomorrow, it will be North America's largest home and garden event, thanks in part to a fantastic new partnership with Canada Blooms, which brought these two great shows together under one roof.

That's more than 800 retailers and industry experts, including the popular Destination Renovation booth where a team of professional RenoMark contractors will be offering free 10-minute consultations for the reno-curious!

Visitors can also learn more about the national RenoMark program, get a list of RenoMark renovators in the GTA or obtain a copy of the RenoGuide — a five-step guide to a worry-free renovation.

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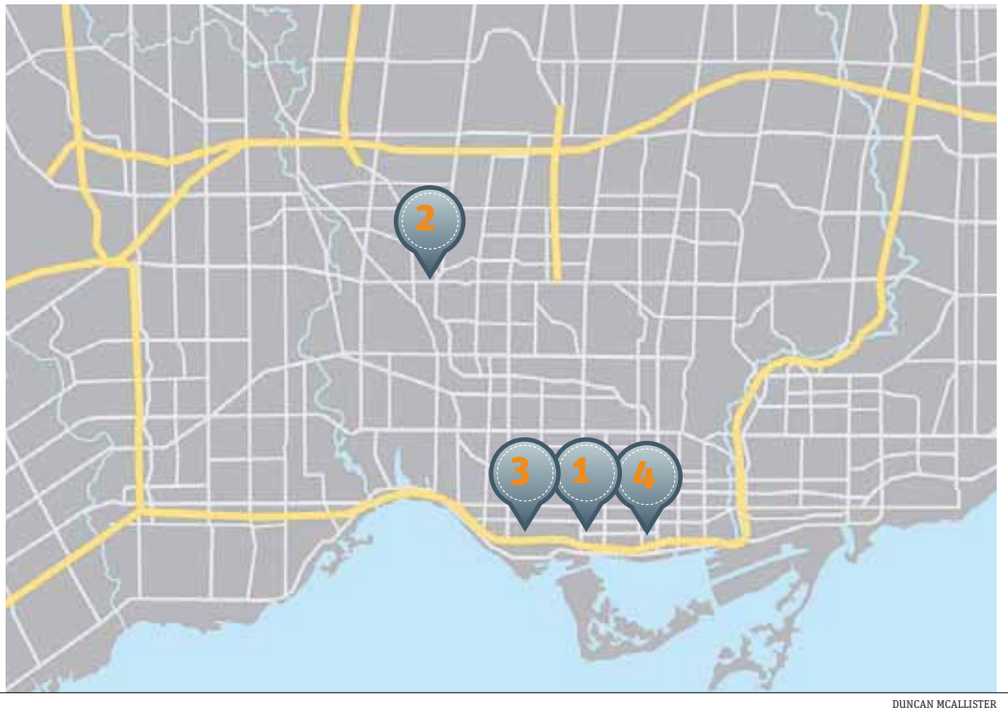
The National Home Show runs March 16-25 at the Direct Energy at Exhibition Place. More info on the national RenoMark program can be found by visiting renomark.ca.

Hope to see you at the show!

What's hot on the condo market?



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1. Open house

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Perspective condos

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Open house

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Toronto condo dweller Inez (no surname given) with her three canine companions, Jostan, Pixie and Cerf. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

More and more Toronto condominiums have gone to the dogs — literally

Condo trends. The days of sneaking Fido into your purse are long over. New condos are giving owners a place to groom their much-loved companions

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With Canadians spending over $4 billion annually on their pets, it's no surprise that Toronto condominiums have seen an increase in four-legged residents.

Newer highrises now offer "pet spas" as a building amenity.

Times have changed from the restrictive years when it was forbidden to keep animals in most of Toronto's highrise residences. Developers have recognized the trend and are offering more lifestyle choices to condo buyers.

So imagine your pooch having a wonderful time frolicking around in the mud and running through puddles. Now imagine said canine tracking all that muck through your brand new condo hallways and into your suite.

This is the dilemma facing condo owners and managers.

A condo pet spa is a common area amenity that allows pet owners to wash and groom their dirty doggies prior to entering the main building.

Fabrik, a new development by Menkes, will be offering a pet spa. VP of marketing Mimi Ng has observed the trend that purchasers are asking if their buildings are pet-friendly.

"We're trying to take into account the fact that we're seeing more and more of our buyers have pets and it just makes sense to provide a space for them for their pets when they want to groom them."

So is it really a "spa?"

"In our case we're calling it a pet spa but I think in terms of the actual service it probably will be closer to a grooming station," says Ng.

But what if your furry companion is having a bad hair day and needs a professional makeover?

Award-winning groomer Deidre Howard has just opened the Tailspin Dog Spa. Located in a busy downtown neighbourhood surrounded by a dozen condominiums, 80 per cent of her clientele are condo dwellers.

With three rambunctious Shih Tzu's in her work area, Howard explains the services provided.

"We do full grooming. We do the haircut, blow dry, nail trimming, the works. We do every breed."

Tailspin also provides a convenient cage-free pet daycare service.

"It's great for people who work all day. You can drop the dog off, leave them here for the day, a half day or an hour even, if you want to do some shopping or you don't want to leave your dog alone for whatever reason."

It would seem that all this tender loving care is going entirely to the dogs. What if your four-legged roommate happens to be a feline?

"We do cats too. I had a cat in this morning," says Howard.

Puppy love

80%

Award-winner groomer Deidre Howard says 80 per cent of her clientele are condo dwellers. She just opened the Tailspin Dog Spa in a busy downtown 'hood that is surrounded by a dozen condominiums.

Pets are part of the condo community

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Mimi Ng, VP of marketing for Fabrik, a new development by Menkes

House flipping

Zoning nightmare

LEGAL MATTERS
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I recently purchased a house that I am going to fix up and sell to hopefully make a profit.

In the offer the wording stated that the property was used residentially. I closed the transaction and then proceeded to City Hall to get my permits to fix up the badly kept house.

When I made my application, the clerk pulled up the electronic file and indicated that the property was zoned commercial and I couldn't obtain the permits that I wanted.

This has brought me to a standstill in my proposed renovations and I don't know what to do.

In the not so recent past we would have done an off title search and order a building compliance letter prior to closing that would have indicated what was the particular zoning of the property. You would have known of the commercial zoning before closing and could have addressed this with your lawyer.

Now, we order title insurance for our clients that generally covers problems with respect to zoning that arise after the property has transferred.

It sounds as though this is an issue that you need to bring to the attention of your lawyer and they in turn will refer it to the title insurance company that you purchased from.

Regardless, this is a problem which may be quite complex and not such an easy fix. Good luck.

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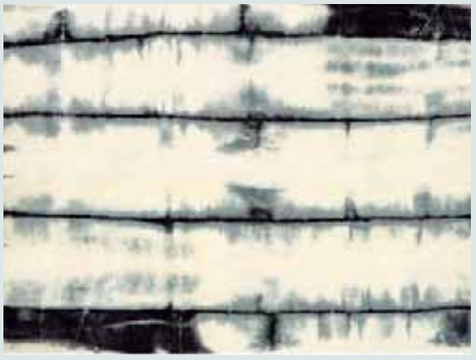
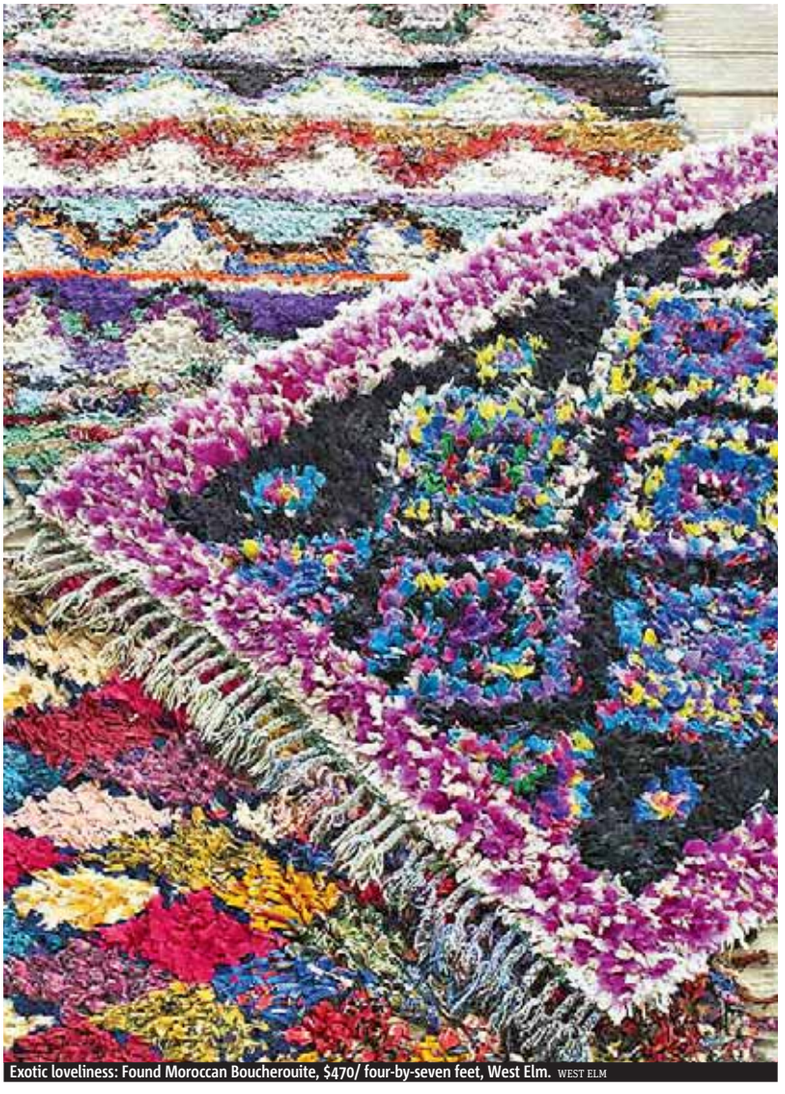


Modern medallion

Thick and tufted



Exotic loveliness: Found Moroccan Boucherouite, $470/ four-by-seven feet, West Elm. WEST ELM

We've got your floors covered: Artful and affordable area rugs

Decor ideas. Rugs are all the rage and can make a room pop—why not unroll a little art under your feet?

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Area rugs not only add a decorative touch to a room but can also bring furniture together in open concept spaces, protect hardwood floors from pets and children, muffle noise and be soft underfoot for comfort.

The trend of the hand-spun, hand-dyed rug that celebrates the contemporary craftsman is all the rage in rugs; and not only in the upper price range where most of the big trends usually start.

Similar to how a special painting or sculpture will contribute to a room, a unique area rug will bring style and personality in a simple space.

Here's a look at some of the fantastic and affordable area rugs following the handmade trends.

Tie-dye

Dyeing old carpets with saturated colour has been a popular way to renew the look of outdated rugs for a few years now. Black, white and grey neutrals are on trend for this season and CB2's hand tufted wool carpet goes through a 36-step process to achieve the groovy tie-dyed effect. Tie-Dye Rug, $299/five-by-eight feet, CB2 (see above).

Exotic finds

There's no need to travel halfway around the world to an exotic country in hopes of bringing back a souvenir rug. Known as 'rag-rugs' in Morocco, Boucherouite rugs are handcrafted from scraps of yarn for a one of a kind, exotic look and imported to North America. Hand woven from cotton and wool in classic Moroccan patterns. Found Moroccan Boucherouite Rug, $470/ four-by-seven feet, West Elm (see left).

Thick and tufted

Not since the all-wool Chinese tufted carpet have we seen artful rugs so thick and comfortable underfoot. Clean lines and simplicity makes the three-quarter-inch thick Chelsea Blue Hearts rug durable and elegant. All wool with shimmering viscose accents helps to give a luxe appeal while absorbing noise and sound in style. Blue Hearts Chelsea Rug, $299/five-by-eight feet, HomeSav.com (see above).

Zigzaggy fun

Check out the Whorled Felt rug, $1,100/six-by-seven feet, from Anthropologie

Modern medallion

It's easy to find a fussy Persian-style rug with the medallion pattern but usually they are outdated in their look and colour. Grey is the colour of the season with simple exotic henna medallion motifs on 100 per cent New Zealand wool gives a modern spirit to an old idea. Korhani Medallion Rug, $900/ five-by-eight feet, Sears (see above)

Damage control

Showing scum who's boss

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Hi Charles,
Love your column. Do you have a solution to get rid of orange soap scum stains on the caulking of shower stalls? I've switched to liquid soap and have tried everything (clear vinegar, baking soda paste, Tilex) along with scrubbing, but to no avail. Thanks, Peter

Dear Peter,

What kind of orange soap are you using that causes so much staining to the caulking in your shower? That's the first thing that sounds scary to me!

Now you said you have tried a baking soda paste. I want you to change your mixture and use about 3 parts baking soda to 1 part hydrogen peroxide, and leave this solution on the grout/caulking for at least one hour.

Then simply rinse away. This may just do the trick. If it does not after everything you have tried, it may mean that your caulking (most likely a plastic base) has absorbed and taken on the colour of your soap. This means you only have two options left:

1. Re-do the caulking in your shower.
2. Change soap.

Good Luck!

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8 reasons to love yellow

Yellow can be cheerful and uplifting, or mellow and warm. It plays well with all woods and most other colours, and complements a wide range of decor styles. Whether you're bold enough for egg yolk or prefer the softer, mustardy side of the hue, yellow is worth considering.

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Well, hell-o there, sunshine!

Winter won't officially be over until next week, but already the sun is climbing a little higher in the sky, and feeling a lot warmer.

Early spring catalogues and shelter magazines are letting the sun in too, with a variety of yellow hues in paint, furnishings and accessories. $5.95

The Citrus Dot mug from Crate & Barrel CRATE & BARREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Golden

For a more muted, creamy gold the Georgie ceramic lamp base would work with a sleek leather desk or a floral sofa. $329

The Gerogie Table Lamp CRATE & BARREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Zest Pitcher/ CRATE & BARREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lemonade, anyone?

The Zest margarita pitcher and glasses feature a zingy swirl of citron, and there are lemon-printed dish towels here, too. $22.95

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Looking on the bright side in the morning

The DeLonghi toaster from Crate & Barrel, $99.95 CRATE & BARREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An upbeat seat

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The Chloe Chair in Balla Citrinex from Crate & Barrell CRATE & BARREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Walk on sunshine

Yellow and white is a fresh, happy combination. Check out Thomas Paul's Flock rug that comes in a crisp canary and white pattern. $196 and up

The Thomas Paul Flock Rug from Wayfair WAYFAIR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Time for an outdoor coffee

Wildon Home's Rawlins powdercoated-wire accent table is a light and airy way to introduce the colour, and could go indoors or out when the warmth returns. $69.99

Wildon Home's Rawlins Accent Table WAYFAIR/THE ASSOCIATD PRESS

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Pack a punch

Rizzy Home's throw pillow collection features zippy yellow floral, starburst and circle motifs, $68 and up for two.

The Rizzy Home Decorative Pillow in white and yellow. WAYFAIR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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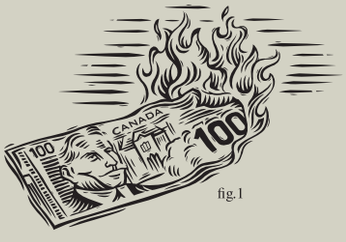

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A couple of utilitarian decor myths: It's a cold, masculine look best suited for Alpha males — not true. CONTRIBUTED

Stripped down style isn't just for bachelors and serial killers

Utilitarian decor. More of us are embracing this style of decor for its clean simplicity. It's all about being understated.

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The utilitarian look doesn't have to resemble a vacant factory floor. We spoke to designer Adrienne Chinn about making hard-edged feel homely.

Putting your interior faith in the utilitarian look has a similar ring to that of joining a particularly strict religious sect. In other words, it sounds spartan, clinical and practical, with little room for creative expression and individualism.

Of course, that's not the case, it being an increasingly popular trend among urbanites. The reason for peoples' conversion to the pared-down look is "because more people are buying properties in buildings that were once warehouses, pubs or other commercial spaces — the style works well in large, open spaces with an industrial feel," explains Chinn.

No cost to comfort

You might be going for a lo-fi style but that doesn't mean your apartment has to be the interior equivalent of a hair shirt. "It's important to incorporate comfort into a utilitarian style," says the design director of Adrienne Chinn Design. "Put up custom-sized industrial landscape wall coverings next to brick walls or concrete flooring for some graphic color. Dress large windows with some full-length silk curtains. The trick is to add tactile comfort with a utilitarian edge in the design."

Streamline with lines

Meticulously spic-and-span flats can read a little obsessive-compulsive, but the interiors expert sees it differently. "It's a clutter-free, edgy and modern look. Build in handle-less cupboards to stow away your stuff or bring in locker-style cupboards for a streetwise element," says Chinn. She adds, "It's perfect for the bachelor, the couple, or for a young family (lots of room to run around the flat). I've even known a couple regularly roller-skate around their industrial space."

Low-stress living

You don't have to be the fastidious type either, claims Chinn, aside from keeping your place tidy: "Floors are normally wood, tile, concrete or poured resin, which are easy to keep clean. However it's important to include area rugs to soften the edges of the look."

Old meets new

Just because you live in a period property doesn't mean that your decor has to remain a relic of the past. The expert says, "You can bring elements of the utilitarian look into older properties. Streamlined sectional sofas and modern lighting look great with an old Persian carpet, modern art against a white wall and original architectural features like fireplaces and cornices all juxtapose superbly. It's all a matter of balance."

Keep it quirky

There's absolutely no need for a stripped-down style to appear bland.

- **Be original, baby.** "Layering textures, such as leather and chrome furniture with long silk curtains, textural or graphic feature walls, will give your space some style clout," describes Chinn. "Mix edgy items with some distressed older pieces like modern dining chairs around a rustic farmhouse table." After all, it's the unexpected details that keep style original.

Let there be light

Industrial looks tend to evoke darkness and a masculine harshness, so it's important to flood the room with light as the designer reveals. "Good light, both natural and electric is vital for the look to work. Try adding decorative accent lighting along with hidden lighting to keep the room feeling airy and not oppressive."

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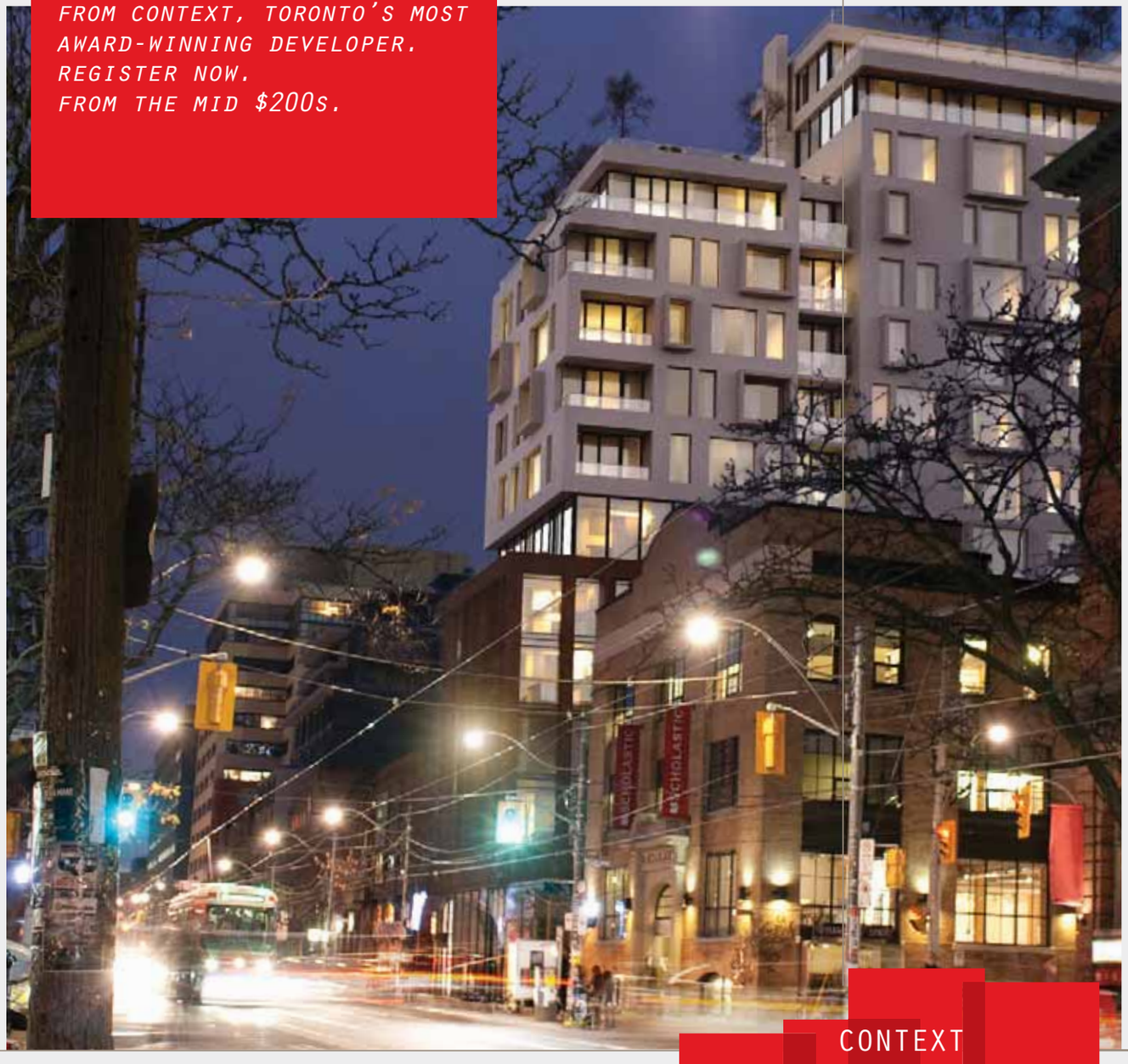

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Ceramics make a pretty lovely comeback

Accent pieces

Ceramics can help tie a space together, picking up elements — a knitted motif or a colour, say — that appear in artwork, throw pillows or rugs elsewhere in the room.

- **Feeling non-committal?** Ceramics are easy to change out when you tire of them.

Pottery arts. One-of-a-kind ceramics can add colour and interest to your home – just don't bring them to a Greek wedding party

Ceramics are always a great supporting player on the home decor stage, but this season they're grabbing more of the spotlight.

Today's ceramists are exploring creative textures and finishes, and even the mass market is offering exciting new examples of the pottery arts. From velvety soft lacy tea light holders to chunky, colourful platters, there's something for everyone.

You can choose to feature pottery prominently or enlist it as punctuation to other colours and textures in your room.

A piece with lots of pattern punch can be a conversation starter, whether it was created half a world away by a village artisan or right in your own hometown.

Susan Dwyer, a sculpture major at an art school in Chicago, was inspired by the clean, minimal lines of the city's industrial landscape to create a cool series of vessels evoking factory buildings, water towers and silos. All hand-formed, each piece has a unique organic look that is at odds with, yet complementary to, the manufactured structure it represents.

Amy Adams, the brains behind Brooklyn-based Perch studio, has designed a clever series of stacking cups with stenciled rosettes, flowers, garlands or triangles. Available in black and white or turquoise and white, these have a nice folk-arty look and would be versatile little repositories for drinks, flowers or trinkets.

One of the masters of ceramic art, Jonathan Adler, showed his Carnaby collection at the recent New York International Gift Fair. Pieces include the Waves tray and Acid lamp, featuring groovy '70s-inspired graphics.

But Adler also has done a lovely group of nature-themed pottery pieces for which he threw the prototype and Peruvian artisans created the finished product. Motifs include leaves, seed pods and barnacles.

West Elm has Maria Moyer's pretty pierced tea light holders and stunning white orbed vases, which look as if they were born in some far-off galaxy. A percentage of sales of her pieces benefit Oceana, a nonprofit marine conservation group. John Newdigate's fun blue-and-white-fish painted platters and fish-shaped serveware have a Japanese vibe.

Boston artist Leah Piepgras may have created the ultimate ceramic conversation piece, however. At the New York fair, her Consumption series of porcelain plates was shown at the Model Citizens booth. For a limited edition produced by Pickard China, Piepgras uses anatomical illustrations to draw each stage of the digestive tract from mouth (the tea cup) to, well, the end of the line for food we eat (the dessert plate).

A result of her keen interest in the body and brain, Piepgras says her "map" is "a reminder of the processes that are taking place within you while you're eating, promoting an exercise in mindfulness."

Rendered in a blue-black palette that's less realistic than flesh tones, the plates are beautifully odd. At $750 a set, this would perhaps be better suited to display than dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A plate from Leah Piepgras's series shows a human esophagus. The collection depicts the journey of food through our bodies, from mouth to final destination, in hand dishes. LEAH PIEPGRAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pierced tea lights and vases by Maria Moyer. WEST ELM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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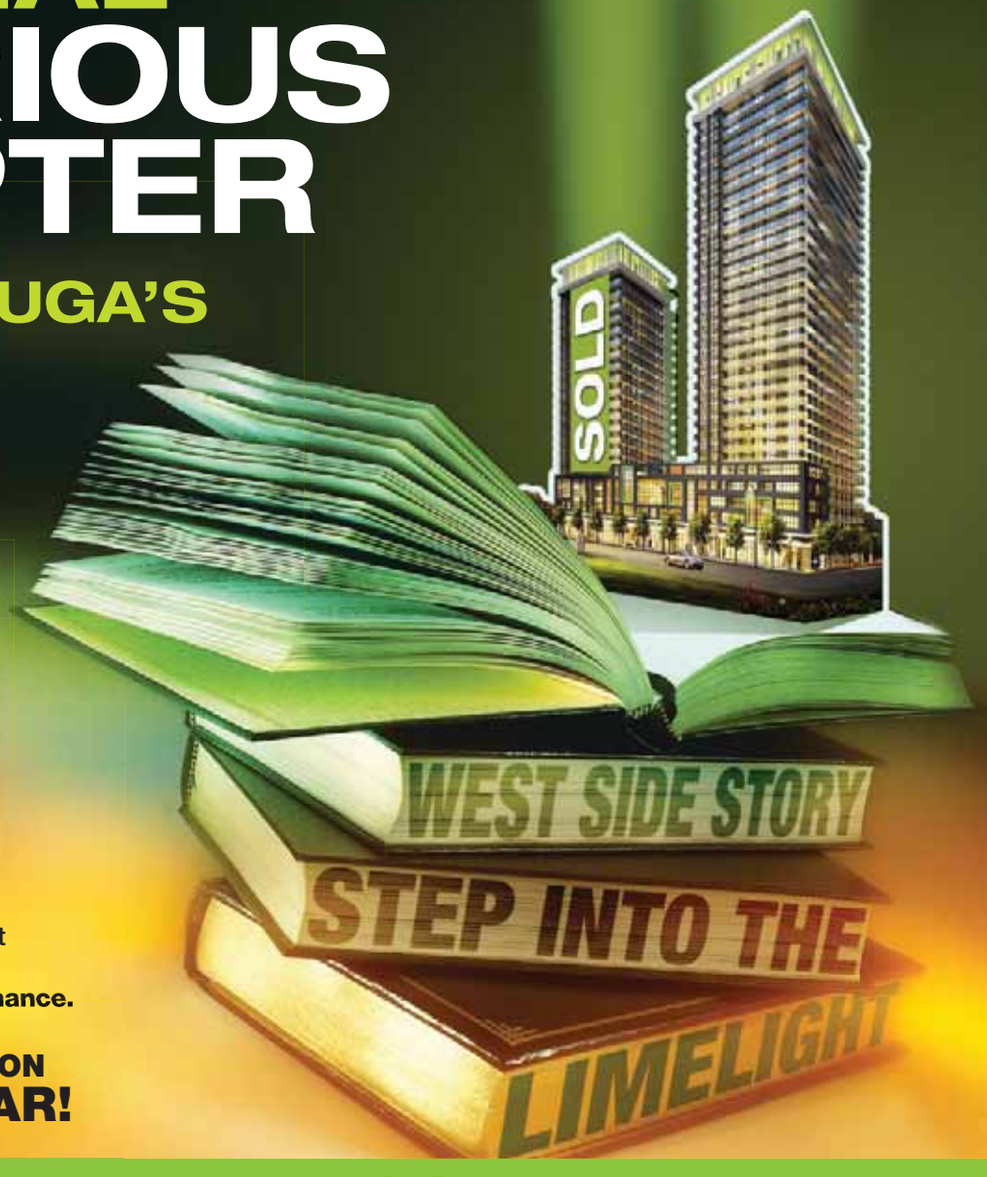

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Water feature? Think small

Backyard gardener. Small water features are easier to maintain for the average person who likes to putter

Water features can bring interest, beauty and wildlife to a garden, but they also can be work.

That's why many homeowners are choosing relatively small options such as fountains, bubbling urns and waterfalls, rather than ponds and streams, industry analysts say.

"A big backyard pond takes a lot of time to clean," said Laura Dickinson, extension master gardener coordinator at Kansas State University.

"You have to fight with the critters, keep the water in balance and prevent algae from building up. You have to do special things in winter to shut it down and again in spring to set it up.

"It can get pretty expensive if you want to hire all that done," Dickinson said.

Sharon Coates, vice-president of Zaretsky and Associates Inc., a landscape design and consulting firm in Macedon, N.Y., said many of her clients are forgoing water features "because of the perception of high maintenance."

The biggest problems, she said, arise from unforeseen circumstances.

"These can be caused by chipmunks or other animals nesting and chewing on the liner, or even by herons deciding to go fishing in your pond," Coates said. "Bubbling urns or boulder water features have a below-grade plastic composite basin that is not easily damaged."

Accessorize small water features with plants generally found near ponds. That would include lotuses, lilies (Tropicanna cannas), bog plants and other moisture-loving perennials and annuals.

Groundcover plants (Tesselaar water-wise carpet roses, for instance), bulbs (Siberian iris) and grasses (Black Mondo or Blue Fescue) also enhance fountains and bubbling urns.

"I do genuinely love to see a pond in the garden," Schmidt said. "When constructed with some shallow areas around the edges, they provide great benefits to wildlife — birds and amphibians — and they're just plain beautiful.

"But most of my landscape design clients are interested in doing as little maintenance as possible in their gardens, and a fountain can provide many of the benefits at a lower cost and with less ongoing care."

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Some things to pond-er

Here are some factors to consider when deciding between large or small water features.

- **Work.** Water features are a labour of love, and many homeowners enjoy the activities required to keep a smooth-running pond, creek and waterfall. But if you work long hours, you may be better off with a fountain.
- **Safety.** Consider the risks to your own or neighbourhood children. Some municipalities consider ponds of a certain size to be like a swimming pool and therefore they need to be fenced as such.
- **Price.** Fountains cost less to buy and install. Ponds are the most expensive item per square foot commonly installed in landscaping.
- **Energy savings.** Fountains require less power to operate than ponds. Fountains use a smaller pump because they have less water in them.

A waterfall cascading into a pond may look beautiful, but it's lots of work.
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Accessorize small water features with plans normally found near ponds.
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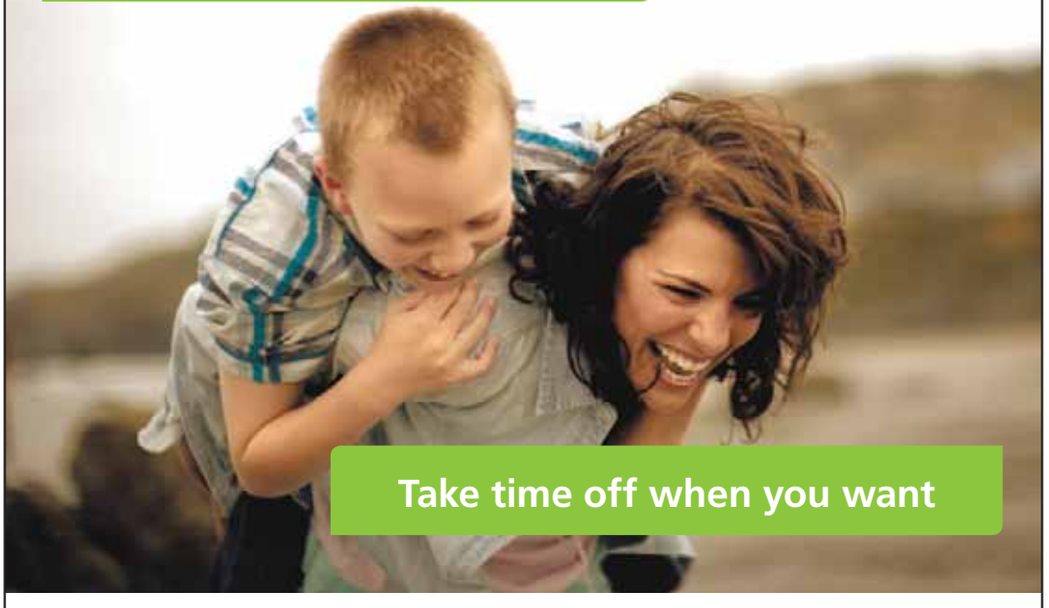

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Phenology is the science of appearances, or knowing which plants can tell you when to start weeding, planting, fighting insects or tackling any other gardening priority.

Once the forsythia begins to bloom, for instance, it's time to renew your war against crabgrass.

When to fertilize the lawn? Think apple blossoms falling. Time to set out tomatoes? Yes, if dogwood trees are in flower.

"Phenology makes us more aware of our environment," said Robert Polomski, a horticulturist and arborist at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. "Associating gardening tasks with flowering times is a neat way to look at how nature really functions."

Forsythia grows most everywhere in Zones 5-8. Its yellow blossoms are among the most recognizable signs of early spring, making this member of the olive family one of the best seasonal indicators for gardeners.

Turf grass specialists often use the bloom time of forsythia as a bellwether for scattering pre-emergent herbicides on crabgrass-prone lawns.

"A garden weed preventer or pre-emergent kills the seeds before they can grow into seedlings," Polomski said.

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Raptors run out of steam in New Jersey

NBA. Weak effort in second half dooms bid to defeat Nets

Everyone's banged up and everyone's tired and everyone's got a whole bunch of bumps and bruises and boo-hoo-hoo.

The NBA is a man's league and a man's effort is required night after night after night.

The Raptors regressed a wee bit in Newark Wednesday, withdrawing into a cocoon of passivity in the second half of what turned into a 98-84 loss to the New Jersey Nets and the tired old refrain seems to be irking head coach Dwane Casey.

"Back to back, three games in three nights, it doesn't matter," Casey said after the Raptors once again let poor offence effect their defensive effort. "This is the NBA and that's what we're paid to do, perform each and every night we walk on the floor and I just didn't see that in the second half."

Making just five of 19 field goals in the third quarter, and turning a five-point halftime lead into a seven-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter, the Raptors once again failed to show the mental toughness necessary to fight through difficult stretches of games.

It's not as if the Nets are world-beaters — all-star guard Deron Williams sat out the game with an injury and New Jersey's now an underwhelming 15-29 — but they did play with more energy all night than the Raptors did.

Kris Humphries, whose style is made to take advantage of lackadaisical defenders, had 16 points and 21 rebounds for the Nets and Gerald Green, a D League pickup known for athleticism rather than basketball guile, used a huge size and quickness advantage to pour in 26 off the bench.

The Raptors got no offensive spark from anyone.

DeMar DeRozan was just 5-15 from the floor; Andrea Bargnani missed nine of the 13 shots he took and only Jerryd Bayless (14 points and a season high 10 assists) had an above average offensive night.

But the troubling fact is that once the offence went south, so did the defence as the Nets shot almost 50 per cent from the field.

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Trade deadline

Howard pulls back on request

The Orlando Magic entered their third meeting with the Miami Heat shrouded in uncertainty because of the unknown status of their biggest star.

Dwight Howard made a preseason request to be traded from the only team the former No. 1 pick has ever known, leaving fans wondering if every game could be his final one with in a Magic jersey

But with the NBA's 3 p.m. EDT Thursday trade deadline fast approaching, Howard used the aftermath of a 24-point, 25-rebound performance in the Magic's 104-98 overtime victory over the Miami Heat Tuesday night to quell some of that uneasiness.

Howard took back his preseason request and said that he wanted to remain with the team for the remainder of the season.

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Toronto's James Johnson goes up to dunk as New Jersey's Kris Humphries defends on Wednesday night in Newark, N.J.
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Leafs preview

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. (LeafsTV)

The Maple Leafs (30-32-8) travel to Tampa Bay (32-30-7). Steven Stamkos scored twice in a 6-1 victory over Boston on Tuesday, reaching 50 goals for the second time in his career. Teddy Purcell has 28 points in his last 18 games. Vincent Lecavalier (broken hand) remains out but could return next week.

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GMs ponder shift of power to Penguins

NHL. 'They're obviously the best team in the league,' says GM Sather of Pittsburgh with Crosby

Sidney Crosby's return adds one of the game's best to an already formidable Penguins lineup. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

There were a few jealous glances cast toward Pittsburgh GM Ray Shero.

News of Sidney Crosby's impending return to the Penguins lineup left Shero's colleagues wondering how much tougher the path to the Stanley Cup has become as they gathered in Florida for the NHL's general managers' meetings in Boca Raton, Fla.

"With him back, it's certainly going to make it a lot more difficult," New York Rangers GM Glen Sather said Wednesday after the meetings wrapped up.

Crosby is scheduled to see his first action since Dec. 5 when Pittsburgh (42-21-5) visits the Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night. New York (44-18-7) is currently the top seed in the Eastern Conference, six points up on the Penguins.

However, Crosby is rejoining a Pittsburgh team that has won nine straight games and appears to be peaking just before the start of the playoffs. Adding the best player in hockey to that mix is a scary thing for opponents.

"It's not like they needed help," said Philadelphia Flyers GM Paul Holmgren.

Not only does his team face the Penguins three times before the end of the regular season, they are also possible first-round opponents.

"Obviously, Pittsburgh over the last couple of years have been a tremendous team," he said. "There was a period of time last year where they had Sidney and Evgeni (Malkin) out and they still continued to march along. They're certainly one of the top teams in the East."

Crosby's absence dates back to January 2011, when he sustained blows to the head in consecutive games and was diagnosed with a concussion. He returned to the Penguins' lineup in November before suffering a setback in December that was linked to a soft tissue neck issue.

While acknowledging that his team found it easier to face Pittsburgh without Crosby, New Jersey Devils GM Lou Lamoriello indicated that seeing No. 87 back will be a welcome sight.

"It's great that he's back," said Lamoriello. "He's certainly not only a great player, but he's a great personality in the game. He represents the game as well as anybody represents the game."

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Murray reacts

"I hope he doesn't play against us (in the playoffs).... He adds a great dimension to their hockey team."

Ottawa Senators GM Bryan Murray on the return of Sidney Crosby.

European action axed

Uncertainty surrounding the NHL's collective bargaining agreement has prompted the league to call off next fall's games in Europe.

- **A senior league source** confirmed Wednesday that the season-opening overseas games have been cancelled.
- **It will be the first time since 2007** that the NHL won't kick off the season overseas.
- **"I'm not going to comment as to what the next CBA may look like,"** said commissioner Gary Bettman. "But the CBA that we currently have is in effect until Sept. 15 and we told clubs to continue to operate under the CBA."

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A chance to rise after the collapse

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Thanks to the Maple Leafs' free-fall through February, all that's left for their fans this year is the painfully familiar look ahead to the off-season, rather than the post-season. And one thing is a near-certainty: If general manager Brian Burke decides to trade what is looking like a top-end first-round draft pick for immediate help, Torontonians will be hauling out their torches and pitchforks and heading down en masse to the Air Canada Centre.

As it stands right now, the Leafs are neighbours with the dregs of the Eastern Conference, with no shot at the playoffs. The teams behind them in the standings — Carolina, the Islanders and Montreal — could leap past them before the end of the month or sooner. Edmonton and Columbus aren't likely to pass any Eastern team, but if Toronto continues on this dreadful pace and wins the NHL draft lottery, they could be looking at selecting anywhere in the top three. That would guarantee them the type of elite-level franchise forward they've been sadly lacking since Mats Sundin's heyday.

Strategy

"In his three-and-a-half seasons in Toronto, Burke has tried the trade-for-a-franchise-cornerstone route... It hasn't worked."

The problem is, the pressure Toronto faces to make the playoffs next season will be immense and could push Burke into dealing the pick for, say, a Rick Nash or Ryan Getzlaf, which would be a horrific mistake. As we've seen in the NHL's salary-cap era, teams do not willingly surrender franchise players under virtually any circumstances. In Pittsburgh, for example, they've found a way to keep Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Jordan Staal and Marc-Andre Fleury — all four of whom were drafted, by the way — among other key pieces. Teams keep stars, and that's something Burke miscalculated on.

The only way Burke can justify trading his pick is if he's able to move higher in the draft by doing so. To bring in Nash, Getzlaf or a similar player who, while accomplished, isn't in his early 20s, is to lose out on another opportunity to add a top talent in his late teens who will be the focal point of the Leafs' offence for years.

In his three-and-a-half seasons in Toronto, Burke has tried the trade-for-a-franchise-cornerstone route. With due respect to Phil Kessel and Dion Phaneuf, it hasn't worked. There is no player the Leafs can point to right now who can single-handedly impose his will on a game, the way Jonathan Toews can do in Chicago, or Malkin and Crosby do with the Penguins.

So, Burke has to hold on to the pick. Impatience has gotten Toronto nowhere to this point. You can't say a draft rebuild works every time, but it'd sure be nice to at least see the Leafs try it once before dismissing it.

Will Brian Burke be able to avoid the temptation of trading away top draft picks? ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Manning takes tour to Tennessee

NFL. Titans take a crack at signing star quarterback on second day of NFL free agency

Peyton Manning visits Baptist Sports Park on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. SAMUEL M. SIMPKINS/THE TENNESSEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of Tennessee Titans executives brought Peyton Manning to Nashville Wednesday for a meeting with the free agent on the team's home turf.

Coach Mike Munchak, general manager Ruston Webster and chief operating officer Mike Reinfeldt landed in the afternoon at Nashville International after flying into Raleigh-Durham Airport to pick up Manning.

They returned to the team's headquarters where the Titans will try to convince Manning to sign with Tennessee.

Titans owner Bud Adams told WSMV-TV on Tuesday the executives were going to spend the day with Manning.

Manning had been in Raleigh-Durham working out at Duke University. Blue Devils coach David Cutcliffe was his offensive co-ordinator at the University of Tennessee.

The owner has said he will do whatever it takes to sign Manning in his chase for a championship. He sees the quarterback as the missing piece. The 89-year-old Adams is staying in Houston, and that's why Reinfeldt joined Webster and Munchak for this trip.

The Titans already have veteran Matt Hasselbeck with two years left on a deal signed last July, and drafted Jake Locker with the eighth pick overall in the 2011 draft.

The quarterback's suitors include Denver, Arizona and Miami. He reportedly visited with the Dolphins Monday night in Indianapolis.

Cutcliffe declined to answer any questions about Manning Wednesday following the Blue Devils practice. However, when asked how his players were handling the distraction, the coach laughed and said, "you found a way, didn't you" to get in a question about Manning.

He said having Manning at the team's facilities has not been a problem.

"That's always, for them (the Duke players), encouraging and fun. That's the honest truth," Cutcliffe said. "But they've done a great job of letting anybody that's in here work and do what they've got to do, and they work around them.

"I think it's always good to have examples and see the kind of work ethic it takes to succeed in football."

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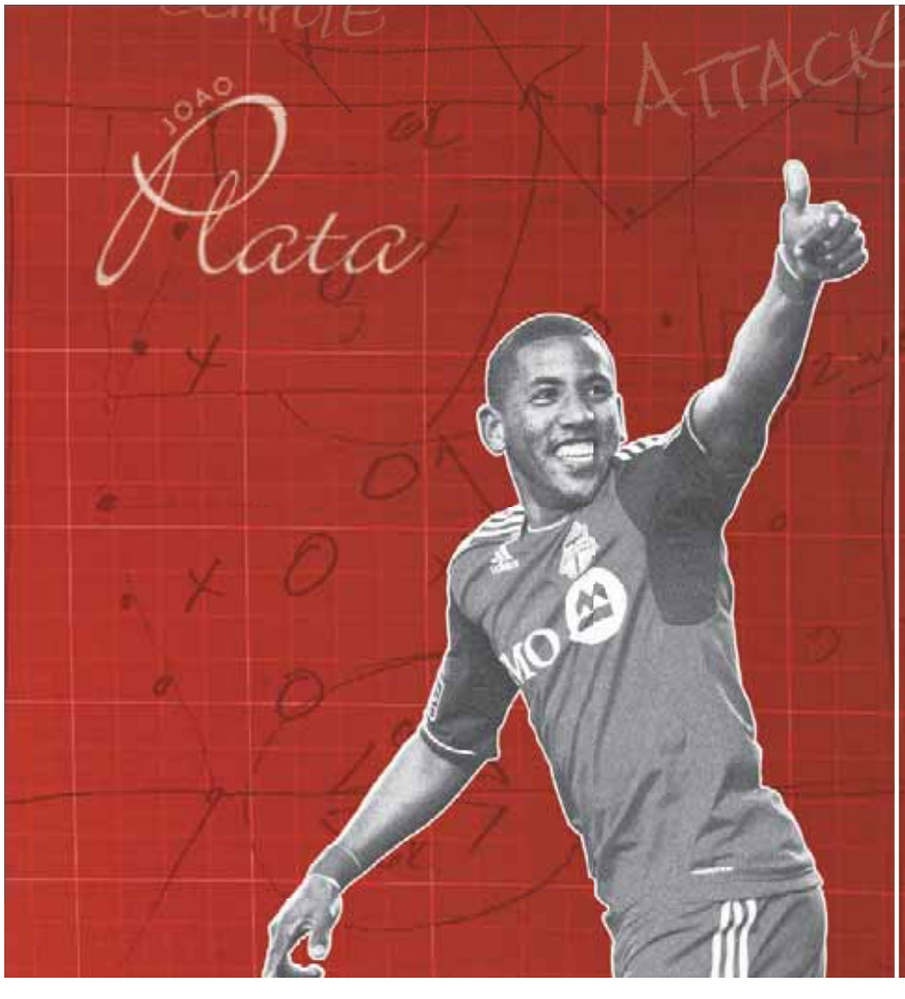
Around the NFL

Detroit's Calvin Johnson speaks to reporters on Wednesday. DANIEL MEARS/THE DETROIT NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Detroit Lions have signed wide receiver Calvin Johnson to an eight-year contract worth up to $132 million, the biggest deal in NFL history.

- **The player's agent, Bus Cook,** said the contract announced Wednesday is worth $60 million guaranteed. That figure and the total value of the contract are both NFL records.
- **The Kansas City Chiefs signed running back Peyton Hillis** on Wednesday, giving the team a formidable duo in the ground game with Jamaal Charles.
- **The Bills' wait for prized free agent** defensive end Mario Williams to decide whether to sign with Buffalo will last yet another day. The Bills announced Wednesday evening that the former Houston Texans star had left their facility and was to return Thursday morning.
- **Two-time Pro Bowl wide receiver DeSean Jackson** agreed to a five-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles on Wednesday. The deal is worth $51 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because terms weren't officially announced.
- **Drew Brees wants a long-term extension** with New Orleans before the club's off-season training program in April. The reigning AP offensive player of the year calls the time between now and the first off-season workouts "a very critical period" in his negotiations, stopping short of saying whether he would practice or play under his current franchise tag designation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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NY Islanders	70	28	31	7	4	163	206	67	15-15-5-1	13-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	L4
Carolina	70	26	29	9	6	183	211	67	17-13-1-5	9-16-8-1	3-3-2-2	L2
Montreal	71	28	32	3	8	188	198	67	13-15-2-6	15-17-1-2	4-5-1-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	71	45	18	1	7	186	139	98	28-4-1-3	17-14-0-4	8-1-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	69	42	19	1	7	215	172	92	20-9-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	70	39	26	1	4	186	183	83	20-12-0-3	19-14-1-1	9-0-0-1	W6
Detroit	70	44	23	1	2	219	167	91	28-4-1-1	16-19-0-1	3-6-0-1	L2
Nashville	69	41	21	3	4	200	179	89	23-8-2-3	18-13-1-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	71	38	25	4	4	213	209	84	24-7-1-4	14-18-3-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Colorado	72	38	30	3	1	191	193	80	21-15-0-1	17-15-3-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Phoenix	70	34	25	3	8	182	178	79	18-12-2-4	16-13-1-4	4-4-0-2	L1
San Jose	69	34	25	5	5	189	178	78	19-11-2-1	15-14-3-4	2-5-1-2	L1
Calgary	70	33	25	5	7	176	193	78	19-9-1-4	14-15-4-3	5-1-1-3	W4
Los Angeles	70	33	25	5	7	159	153	78	18-13-0-4	15-12-5-3	6-4-0-0	W2
Anaheim	70	29	30	5	6	173	196	69	18-14-2-0	11-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L3
Minnesota	70	29	31	2	8	150	194	68	15-14-1-3	14-17-1-5	2-7-0-1	L2
Edmonton	69	26	36	3	4	182	209	59	16-15-2-2	10-21-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	22	40	2	5	161	223	51	13-20-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Colorado 5 Buffalo 4 (SO)
Montreal 3 Ottawa 2 (SO)
Dallas at Winnipeg
Columbus at Edmonton
Phoenix at Vancouver
Detroit at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Calgary 3 San Jose 2 (OT)
Florida 5 Toronto 2
Chicago 4 St. Louis 3 (SO)
Dallas 1 Minnesota 0
Los Angeles 5 Detroit 2
N.Y. Rangers 4 Carolina 2
Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 0
Tampa Bay 6 Boston 1
Washington 5 N.Y. Islanders 4 (SO)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

PANTHERS 5, LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Florida, Bergenheim 15 (Samuelsson, Ellerby) 0:59
Penalties — Rosehill Tor, Barch Fla (fighting) 5:16, MacArthur Tor (holding) 5:29, Garrison Fla (holding) 19:57.
Second Period
2. Florida, Garrison 15 (Goc, Wolski) 14:43
3. Toronto, Bozak 15 (MacArthur, Kessel) 19:02
Penalties — Ashton Tor (slashing) 12:42.
Third Period
4. Florida, Kopecky 7 (Garrison, Jovanovski) 6:07 (pp)
5. Florida, Goc 9 (Wolski) 10:28 (pp)
6. Toronto, Grabovski 22 (Schenn, MacArthur) 13:50
7. Florida, Bergenheim 16 (Kopecky) 18:40 (en)
Penalties — Ashton Tor (high-sticking) 5:17, Bozak Tor (holding stick) 10:12, Ashton Tor (fighting), Matthias Fla (instigating, fighting) 11:40.
Shots on goal

Toronto	5	11	12	—28
Florida	9	5	13	—27

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,11-12-4); Florida: Theodore (W,20-13-7).
Power-plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-2; Florida: 2-4.
Attendance — 17,475 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.

FLAMES 3, SHARKS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. San Jose, Couture 29 (Burns, Thornton) 0:53
Penalties — San Jose bench (too many men; served by Ferriero) 2:31, Clowe SJ (hooking) 5:06, Stajan Cal (holding) 12:32, San Jose bench (too many men; served by Clowe) 16:33, Jokinen Cal (tripping) 17:18, Clowe SJ, Desbiens Cal (fighting), Glencross Cal (boarding major, game misconduct) 19:31.
Second Period
2. Calgary, Baertschi 2 (Horak, Smith) 5:46
3. Calgary, Iginla 30 (Giordano) 18:27
Penalties — Giordano Cal (delay of game) 16:21, Sarich Cal (high-sticking) 19:50.
Third Period
4. San Jose, Couture 30 (Marleau, Thornton) 1:22 (pp)
Penalties — None.
Overtime
5. Calgary, Stajan 5 (Comeau) 4:20
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

San Jose	10	8	9	4	—31
Calgary	8	9	2	3	—22

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (L,26-18-9); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,32-19-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-5; Calgary: 0-3.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	50	34	84
Malkin, Pgh	38	46	84
Giroux, Pha	25	55	80
Spezza, Ott	29	44	73
Kessel, Tor	34	38	72
Kovalchuk, NJ	30	41	71
Tavares, NYI	30	39	69
Hossa, Chi	27	42	69
Karlsson, Ott	18	51	69
Lupul, Tor	25	42	67
Elias, NJ	24	43	67
Thornton, SJ	15	51	66
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	53	66
Neal, Pgh	31	34	65
Eberle, Edm	30	35	65
Gaborik, NYR	34	30	64
D.Sedin, Vcr	28	36	64
Pominville, Buf	25	38	63
St. Louis, TB	22	41	63
Parise, NJ	28	34	62
Eriksson, Dal	23	39	62
Ra.Whitney, Phx	21	41	62
Parenteau, NYI	15	46	61
Hartnell, Pha	32	28	60
Iginla, Cal	30	30	60
Kopitar, LA	21	39	60
E.Staal, Car	19	41	60
Moulson, NYI	30	29	59
Sharp, Chi	26	33	59
Selanne, Ana	22	37	59
Zetterberg, Det	18	41	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Filppula, Det	22	36	58
O.Jokinen, Cal	21	37	58
Pacioretty, Mtl	30	27	57
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Seguin, Bos	24	33	57
P.Kane, Chi	18	39	57
Couture, SJ	30	26	56
Vrbata, Phx	30	26	56
Benn, Dal	21	35	56
Purcell, TB	20	36	56
Wheeler, Wpg	17	39	56
Perry, Ana	34	21	55
Marleau, SJ	27	28	55
P.Bergeron, Bos	19	36	55
Desharnais, Mtl	15	39	54
Ryder, Dal	30	23	53
Ovechkin, Wash	29	24	53
Franzen, Det	26	27	53
Lucic, Bos	23	30	53
B.Richards, NYR	23	30	53
Ribeiro, Dal	16	37	53
Hall, Edm	26	26	52

Not including last night's games

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

Yesterday's results
Pittsburgh 11 Baltimore 5
Detroit 7 N.Y. Mets 6 (10 inn.)
Miami 4 Tampa Bay 2
Houston 4 St. Louis 3
Toronto 7 N.Y. Yankees 5
Minnesota 6 Philadelphia 4
Milwaukee 10 Chicago Cubs 2
Chicago White Sox 9 L.A. Angels 7
Colorado (ss) 6 Texas 1
San Diego 9 Cincinnati 4
San Francisco 2 Cleveland 2 (10 inn.)
San Diego 8 Arizona (ss) 0
Atlanta 6 Washington 5
Kansas City vs. Seattle
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss)
Today's games
Baltimore vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 2:35 p.m.
Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 7, YANKEES 5

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	3	1	1	0	Y.Escobar ss	2	1	0	0
Bernier ss	2	1	1	2	Vizquel ss	2	0	0	0
Granderson cf	3	0	2	1	K.Johnson 2b	3	0	1	0
Wise pr-cf	2	0	2	2	Gose cf	1	0	0	0
Cano 2b	2	0	0	0	Bautista rf	2	0	0	0
C.Joseph 2b	2	0	1	0	B.Francisco rf	1	0	0	0
Al.Rodriguez dh	3	0	0	0	Lind 1b	2	0	0	0
K.Hgshka pr-dh	2	0	0	0	Valbuena pr-2b	1	1	0	0
Teixeira 1b	3	0	1	0	Encarnacion lf	3	3	3	4
B.Laird 1b	1	0	0	0	M.Crouse lf	1	0	0	0
Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	1	2	0
Curtis lf	1	0	0	0	Woodward 3b	0	0	0	0
Swisher rf	2	0	0	0	Rasmus cf	3	0	1	1
Garner rf	1	1	1	0	M.McDade 1b	0	0	0	0
Er.Chavez 3b	2	0	1	0	Arencibia dh	3	1	1	2
J.Nix 3b	2	1	1	0	T.d'Arnaud ph-dh	1	0	0	0
Cervelli c	2	0	1	0	Mathis c	3	0	0	0
Gar.Sanchez c	2	1	0	0	A.Jimenez c	1	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**5**	**12**	**5**	**Totals**	**32**	**7**	**8**	**7**
New York					**001 000 400**			**5**	
Toronto					**010 240 00x**			**7**	

E—Woodward (1), A.Jimenez (1). DP—New York 2. LOB—New York 8, Toronto 6. 2B—Bernier (2), Granderson 2 (4), Garner (2), Cervelli (2), Lawrie (6). 3B—Lawrie (1). HR—Encarnacion 2 (2), Arencibia (2). SB—Wise (2), K.Johnson (2), Lawrie (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
F.Garcia L,1-1	3	4	2	2	1	3
Wade	1	1	1	1	0	2
Banuelos	1	3	4	4	2	1
D.Mitchell	3	0	0	0	0	4
Toronto						
H.Alvarez	3	4	1	1	0	3
C.Villanueva W,1-0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Frasor	1	1	0	0	1	0
Carreno	2	4	4	3	1	3
Hoey S,1-1	1	2	0	0	0	2

A—5,509 (5,509) at Dunedin.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
Kansas City	1	0	0	3	1	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C. United	0	1	0	0	0	1
New England	0	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	2
Montreal	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	3	1
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	0
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	0
Dallas	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Jose	1	0	0	3	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	1	3

Note: Three points for victory, 1 point for tie.
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 5 p.m.
New England at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Real Madrid (Spain) 4 CSKA Moscow (Russia) 1
(Real Madrid advances 5-2 on aggregate)
Chelsea (England) 4 Napoli (Italy) 1 (extra time)
(Chelsea advances 5-4 on aggregate)
Tuesday's results
Bayern Munich (Germany) 7 FC Basel (Switzerland) 0
(Bayern advances 7-1 on aggregate)
Inter Milan (Italy) 2 Marseille (France) 1
(2-2 on aggregate. Marseille advances on away goals)

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	9	5	4	.556	100	110	—
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	126	121	½
Toronto	9	4	5	.444	104	108	1
Buffalo	8	2	6	.250	93	105	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	10	8	2	.800	130	129	—
Calgary	10	7	3	.700	135	109	1
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Washington	10	3	7	.300	101	121	5
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	83	90	5

WEEK 11
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	35	9	.795	—
d-Miami	31	10	.756	2½
Orlando	28	15	.651	6½
d-Philadelphia	25	18	.581	9½
Indiana	25	16	.610	8½
Atlanta	24	18	.571	10
Boston	22	19	.537	11½
New York	19	24	.442	15½
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	24	.400	17
Detroit	15	27	.357	19
New Jersey	15	29	.341	20
Toronto	14	29	.326	20½
Washington	9	32	.220	24½
Charlotte	6	35	.146	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
d-San Antonio	27	13	.675	4
d-L.A. Lakers	26	16	.619	6
Memphis	24	17	.585	7½
L.A. Clippers	23	17	.575	8
Denver	24	19	.558	8½
Dallas	24	20	.545	9
Houston	24	20	.545	9
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10½
Utah	20	21	.488	11½
Portland	20	23	.465	12½
Phoenix	19	22	.463	12½
Golden State	18	21	.462	12½
Sacramento	14	28	.333	18
New Orleans	10	32	.238	22

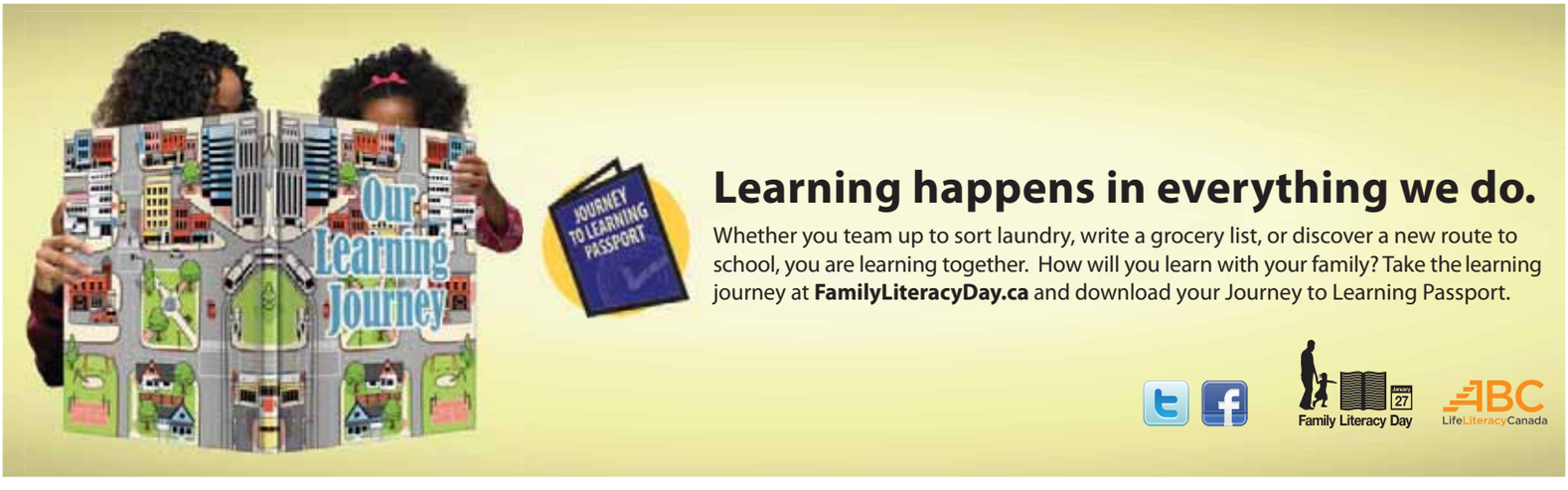
d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Indiana 111 Philadelphia 94
New Jersey 98 Toronto 84
New York 121 Portland 79
Houston 107 Charlotte 87
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans
Cleveland at Milwaukee
Orlando at San Antonio
Miami at Chicago
Detroit at Sacramento
Boston at Golden State
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers
Utah at Phoenix
Tuesday's results
Toronto 96 Cleveland 88
Indiana 92 Portland 75
Orlando 104 Miami 98 (OT)
Houston 104 Oklahoma City 103
L.A. Lakers 116 Memphis 111 (2OT)
Dallas 107 Washington 98
Denver 118 Atlanta 117 (OT0
Golden State 115 Sacramento 89
Tonight's games
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	42	437	281	1214	28.9
Durant, OKC	42	412	271	1173	27.9
James, MIA	40	403	259	1099	27.5
Love, MIN	39	328	277	1003	25.7
Westbrook, OKC	42	373	208	991	23.6
Rose, CHI	34	276	176	776	22.8
Wade, MIA	32	278	166	727	22.7
D. Williams, NJN	40	293	202	881	22.0
Ellis, GOL	37	305	151	811	21.9
Aldridge, POR	40	353	161	868	21.7
Griffin, LAC	40	345	167	858	21.5
Howard, ORL	43	340	231	911	21.2
Nowitzki, DAL	40	290	183	806	20.2

Not including last night's games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Toronto FC rises above Galaxy in Champions League

CONCACAF. Win in California moves Toronto into semifinals against Santos Laguna

A week ago the crowd made history.

Wednesday night was Toronto FC's turn.

A goal by striker Nick Soolsma in the 67th minute gave the Reds a 2-1 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy in Carson, Calif., sending them on to the semifinals of the CONCACAF Champions League. TFC won the quarter-final 4-3 on aggregate.

Toronto becomes the first Canadian team to advance to the semifinals of the continental club competition.

Toronto will now face Santos Laguna of Mexico beginning March 27.

On the winning goal, Ryan Johnson, who had opened the scoring in the 34th minute, beat defender Tommy Meyer on the edge of the L.A. penalty area and played a perfect ball to an unmarked Soolsma 10 yards in front of the goal. The Dutchman, who missed the opening leg last week with yellow card accumulation, made no mistake, thumping home a left-left volley that L.A. goalkeeper Josh Saunders was helpless to stop.

Milos Kocic made a brilliant save off Robbie Keane with 15 minutes remaining to preserve the win.

L.A. tied it in the 55th minute on an own goal by Toronto defender Ty Harden.

Mike Magee played a lovely long ball to Landon Donovan in the TFC penalty area. He had a step on the defender and played it across to a hard-charging Robbie Keane. But just before the ball got to the Irish national team captain, Harden slid to try to clear it away but instead caught it with his left foot and sent it into the low corner of the net past a diving Kocic, who could only get his fingertips on it.

Toronto opened the scoring against the flow of play.

Soolsma sent a ball from about 35 yards toward the far post.

Johnson, being marked by Tommy Meyer, the only new face in L.A.'s lineup from a week ago, rose up to nod the ball all the way across the goal, just past the outstretched hand of goalkeeper Josh Saunders and inside the post.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Limited crowd

The atmosphere was dramatically different inside Home Depot Center Wednesday than it had been a week earlier in Toronto.

- While a home-record crowd of 47,658 at Rogers Centre gave TFC a huge emotional lift in the first leg, which ended 2-2, an agreement between the Galaxy and the community limits attendance to just 7,500 on school nights.

Ryan Johnson of Toronto heads the ball over L.A.'s Tommy Meyer for a goal in the 34th minute in California Wednesday night. The strike was Johnson's fifth in 10 Champions League matches. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

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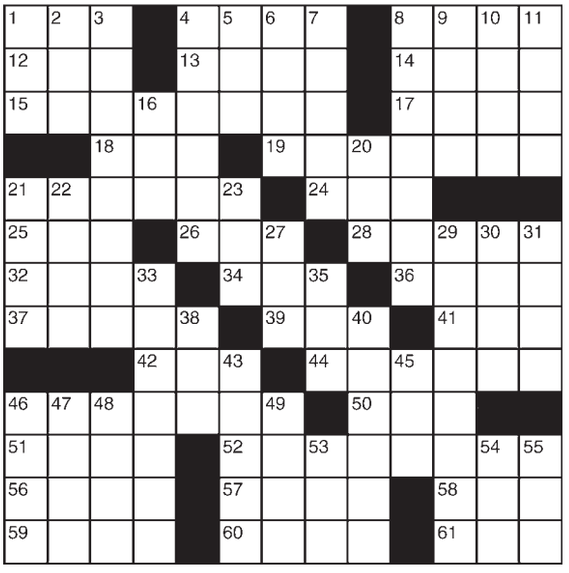

Across

1 Chic, to Austin Powers
4 Crooked
8 Implement
12 Tramcar contents
13 Decorative case
14 Unsightly
15 Relinquish the throne
17 Smile
18 Squid squirt
19 Big-time operator?
21 19-Across, e.g.
24 Chart format
25 "Eureka!"
26 Run-down horse
28 Financial advisor Suze
32 Teeny bit
34 Deviate off course
36 Antitoxins
37 Dickinson output
39 Space
41 Water barrier
42 Suitable
44 Literary comparison
46 Last major battle site of WWII
50 Lobbyists' org.
51 Actress Sorvino
52 Suggest
56 Greatly
57 Dazzle
58 Driving site
59 Zilch
60 — -a-ling
61 Right angle

Down

1 Bygone bird
2 Sphere
3 Commit (to)
4 Signal, as with a nod
5 Schedule abbr.
6 "Phooey!"
7 Traffic jam
8 They're in for the long haul
9 Shrek is one
10 Hodgepodge
11 Singer Loretta
16 Bankbook abbr.
20 Carnival site
21 Moist
22 Canton's place
23 Shaft of light
27 Choke
29 Treat an ailment
30 Asian sea, really a lake
31 Appellation
33 Spring (from)
35 Existed
38 Hot tub
40 Ornamental material
43 Checker move?
45 Buddy
46 Muscat's land
47 Narc's measure
48 Press
49 Con
53 Press for payment
54 — Aviv
55 Moray or congersoup

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Yesterday's answer

P	S	I		P	I	N	E		S	C	U	D		
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R	O	B	E		A	W	O	L		A	C	E		
E	T	A	S		M	E	N	S		R	E	D		

Sudoku

	5			3			6	
		2	1		5	3		
7								1
4		8				2		6
			9		4			
3		5				8		7
1								4
		3	6		8	1		
	7			9			2	

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Yesterday's answer

2	6	5	3	4	9	8	1	7
8	9	1	7	2	6	5	3	4
3	4	7	1	8	5	9	2	6
5	2	6	8	7	3	1	4	9
1	3	9	4	5	2	6	7	8
7	8	4	6	9	1	3	5	2
9	1	3	2	6	7	4	8	5
4	5	2	9	3	8	7	6	1
6	7	8	5	1	4	2	9	3

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- **Pie.** Thank you Pie, It's been awhile since I sent you some words to make you smile. You are always in my thoughts, so don't think that I forgot. I want you to know my love for you continues to grow. We've been together awhile, lets continue to make each other smile. I gave you my heart from the very start. A lot has changed, but our love still remains. See you tonight for pie! Love Muffinman
- **Rain Ramble.** why hello, sorry i've been tuned out of here lately ive been trying to stay away from the iternet ... the first rule of being stong = dont cry when ppl tease you..lol. i dont know how to make this all better so i guess ill shut up.From Denny
- **The Love of My Life.** I loved you so much when we were together. The day we broke up my heart shattered. It was a rough time getting it pieced together again. It's never fully gotten there. I love you and miss you always. One day maybe you'll come back.Broken hearted
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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You are in an impulsive mood at the moment and common sense is unlikely to be a factor in your thinking. Don't gamble your rep.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Put your own needs first today and ignore those who say you should be more careful. Be more adventurous — all the time!

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. It's not like you to have doubts but something is tormenting you more than it should. Focus on the positive.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you act on every piece of advice you get today, you won't get much done. You might as well ignore it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Assert yourself today and let colleagues and employers know you have what it takes to earn a promotion. Shine bright.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may have big plans but do they stand a realistic chance of success? That is the question.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Today is decision day as far as a work-related matter is concerned. Make your choice.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You will be in a fault-finding mood today. You just can't keep from pointing others' mistakes.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Look for time-saving and energy-saving shortcuts today – there's plenty of them waiting to be used.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You don't care how many egos might get bruised, you have things to say and they cannot wait any longer. SALLY BROMPTON

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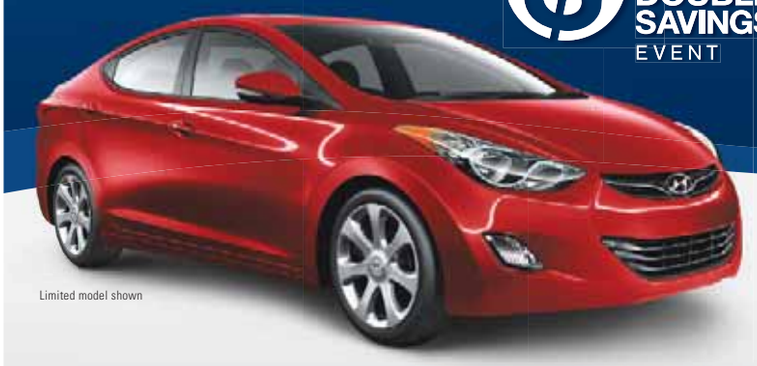

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